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When Sunderland could have made Brian Clough boss

BRIAN Clough could now be manager of Sunderland and not new boss Ken Knighton — if the North East club had not sacked George Hardwick years ago.

The former Middlesbrough and Great Britain captain appointed Clough as youth-team coach in his brief spell as boss of Roker Park. Hardwick would have promoted him to assistant-manager if he had received a contract instead of the bullet.

Hardwick recalls: "It was not a popular decision to make Brian our youth coach. I know some directors did not like it. But Brian was frustrated when I arrived at Roker Park. He was out of action with the knee injury that eventually finished his career.

"When he was put in charge of the youths he was a new man. He loved the involvement and responsibility. Brian handled young players, Colin Todd and Colin Suggett

among them, and the team reached the F.A. Youth Cup Semi-Finals.

"I was offered a five-year contract to keep Sunderland in the First Division. It was only a verbal agreement, though. I fulfilled my part of the bargain. Sunderland stayed in the top flight, but I was shown the door at the end of the season.

"If I had stayed Clough would have had every chance to take over from me as manager. It is ironic that they tried so hard to get him last season."

Will Clough ever achieve his ambition of taking over as manager of England?

Hardwick wonders whether his abrasive style will appeal to the establishment. "On a question of ability, there is no doubt that he is the right man for the job. I wish him luck."

KEVIN Ready certainly lives up to his name. The 21-year-old striker only cost Aston Villa £2,000 from Yarmouth last February, but is already pushing for a first team place.

Within a fortnight of joining Villa he was made sub' against Manchester United at Old Trafford.

A former Norfolk and Norwich City Youth player, the Wymondham-born striker is one to watch for next season.

F.I.F.A. REF

REFeree George Courtney (Spennymoor) is a name to note. The Durham County schoolmaster has been promoted to the senior F.I.F.A. panel — at 37.

The news capped a season of progress for him in which he enhanced a fast-growing reputation.

Courtney can now handle top European Cup-ties and full international matches. No wonder he says: "I am overjoyed."

KEVIN Reed, the 18-year-old Leicester winger who made a surprise first team debut, will surely prove local boys can make good.

Born in Leicester, he won a schoolboy county cap, played for a Leicestershire Sunday League side as a youth and had early experience with such local sides as Syston Juniors, Sileby Town and Thurnby Lodge.

In fact, he joined the Filbert Street outfit as a schoolboy at 14. "But I was as surprised as anyone when I made my debut for Leicester," says Kevin. "I went on as substitute at Wrexham earlier this season because Larry May couldn't get there and there was nobody else at the match due to a reserve game at Norwich."

Young Reed did very well and Leicester got a point in a 1-1 draw.

JUST two days after a brilliant display for the Republic of Ireland against Denmark, Paddy Mulligan was given a free transfer by West Brom.

The defender went to Albion on a free from Crystal Palace four years ago.

Now Paddy may join his international boss Johnny Giles at Shamrock Rovers.



NEWS DESK

Compiled by Peter Stewart

NICE touch from Crystal Palace when youth-team coach John Cartwright left Selhurst Park to take the England job full-time.

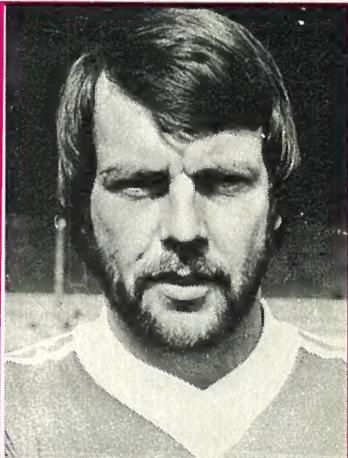
They presented John with a decanter and wine glasses, in lead crystal, in appreciation of what he had done for the club.

That, in case you need reminding, was for helping them win the F.A. Youth Cup twice in successive years and for producing most of the youngsters who helped the club back into the First Division.

ABERDEEN manager Alex Ferguson has settled any doubts about the future of Joe Harper, his top scorer last season. Joe, he says, has signed up again for the new season which will be a testimonial one.

Although out of first team reckoning for the later stages of last season, Harper still ended up well in front of his team-mates with 35 goals which was 14 more than his nearest challenger Steve Archibald.

Joe's 35 was also two more than his totals for each of the two previous seasons.



OUT OF FAVOUR HAZELL

AYEAR ago Bob Hazell was voted Wolves' Player of the Year. Now he is out of favour and has asked for a transfer.

His fortune has contrasted sharply with his friend George Berry, who has recently won international honours for Wales in his first full season in the first team at Molineux.

Hazell made an immediate impact when joining Wolves and in fact became the first coloured player ever to wear an England shirt.

He told SHOOT: "I'm not happy with my present position and I think that I could play regular first team soccer with another club."

AMONG all current players who can claim to have been under the charge of most managers? Ted MacDougall, the man credited with more Football League goals than anyone else now in the game, is a powerful candidate. During his Liverpool, York City, Bournemouth, Manchester United, West Ham, Norwich, and Southampton service his managers have totted up to ... FIFTEEN!

Allan Joins Elite!

WHEN Ipswich Town central-defender Allan Hunter, injured for most of 1978-79, appeared in the recent drawn British Championship game against Wales, at Windsor Park, he became the sixth Northern Ireland player to top the half-century mark in international soccer.

The lofty Hunter, first honoured in a 1969-70 away World Cup-tie against Russia, would have completed 50 Irish appearances much sooner but for injury. The Portman Road pivot now joins Northern Ireland's top-cap elite of Pat Jennings, 80 caps, Terry Neill, 59, Billy Bingham and Danny Blanchflower, 56 each, and Jimmy McIlroy, 55.

JOHN McPhail, the 23-year-old Sheffield United and former Dundee centre-half, has been a professional since 1972, but he only decided last season that he had a favourite footballer.

"I just didn't have one until I saw Alex Sabella playing for United," admits McPhail, who only joined the Bramall Lane club last February.

Sabella, an Argentine midfielder, joined United for £160,000 from River Plate of Buenos Aires in July last year.



MANCHESTER City believe they have uncovered a player worthy of a First Division place next season on their summer tour to Italy.

David Bennett (above) was given his chance when several established City players were unavailable because of international calls.

The local coloured striker seized his chance to give first class displays in two games.

Tony Book, City's manager, said afterwards: "It was pleasing to find that David Bennett is ready for senior football."

"I know that we could throw him in the deep end with no fears."

Book was also impressed with the performances of Kenny Clements after recovering from a broken leg.

"We will be working through the summer on his fitness," said Mr Book.

BRIAN Gibson, an 18-year-old right-winger who signed professional for Fulham last February, certainly knows his way around.

Glasgow-born, he has spent a lot of time down South since he was 14, having trials with Manchester United, Arsenal, Aston Villa and Everton.

He was offered terms by Celtic, Dundee United, Arsenal, Wolves, Oxford United and Aston Villa when he was only 16.

Mind you, he comes from very good stock. His uncle Alex played for Hull and Clyde, while cousin John has performed with Ayr, St. Mirren, Celtic and present club East Fife.

FIRST BIG DEAL

MEADOWBANK Thistle ended their fifth season as a senior Scottish club at the bottom of the Second Division. But they also pulled off their first major transfer deal since joining the "big boys" by selling full-back Tom O'Rourke for £15,000. O'Rourke will play in the First Division next season for Motherwell.

HIBS and Rangers share a British record that will never be equalled. On March 27th, 1948, a crowd of 143,470 turned up for their Scottish Cup Semi-Final tie at Hampden Park which is a record for a British club match other than a Cup Final. The record will stand because of the introduction of safety regulations around British grounds.

City's Summer Discovery



Edvaldsson wins Mackinlay's award

THE last of the 1978-79 season's series of Mackinlay's Football Personality of the Month Awards was won by Johannes Edvaldsson, Celtic's Icelandic international defender.

And at a recent presentation held at Celtic Park, Johannes received a cheque for £100 and a giant bottle of whisky. Making the presentation is the whisky company's area sales representative Clark Nelson (right) watched by Celtic manager Billy McNeill (centre).

Shortly after receiving the Award, Johannes flew out to join the Icelandic international squad for a series of games in Europe.

FACTastic

FIVE of the clubs gaining promotion during the past season were playing together in the Southern Section of Division Three in the 1948-49 season — Crystal Palace and Brighton (to Division One), Swansea City and Watford (to Division Two) and Reading (back to Division Three). Yet Palace finished at the very foot of the Southern Section in 1949 with only 27 points from 42 games, while Swansea and Reading finished in first and second spots. Incidentally, Ipswich, Norwich and Bristol City were among the "also rans" of Division Three (South) in that 1948-49 season.

JIMMY SHOWS 'EM!

EBULLIENT Newry Town supremo Jimmy Brown has become the top "reputation wrecker" in Irish football, in recent seasons.

First of all, the one-time Ballymena United midfielder sensationally player-managed "B" Division Carrick Rangers to an incredible 1976 Irish Cup Final conquest of illustrious Linfield, and a coveted place in the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

Then, at the tail-end of last term, giant-killer Brown was at it again as he amazingly guided Intermediate outfit Newry Town to a convincing Mid-Ulster Cup Final victory over beaten 1979 Irish Cup Finalists Portadown, and on Ports' own Shamrock Park pitch, too!

SOCER'S AIM FOR YEAR OF THE CHILD

AS YOU know, 1979 is the International Year of the Child and to mark the occasion English League clubs and players hope to raise over £100,000 for the UNICEF/Oxfam campaign "Together for Children".

To achieve this target, they have come up with a unique idea called "Football Fotocall" which will give youngsters the chance to pose in the official team photograph of their favourite club.

Parents will pay £3 for the privilege and their kids will receive a colour photo in a special presentation folder to record the day they were "in the squad".

After costs have been deducted, the profit will be given to "Together for Children".

So far a third of the League clubs have agreed to the scheme.

Watford were among the first and their chief executive Eddie Plumley says: "At a time when football itself is in need of money at all levels, it is good to know that clubs and players are willing to get together to make this effort to help underprivileged children around the world."

The clubs taking part will publicise details themselves in the local Press, so please don't contact SHOOT.

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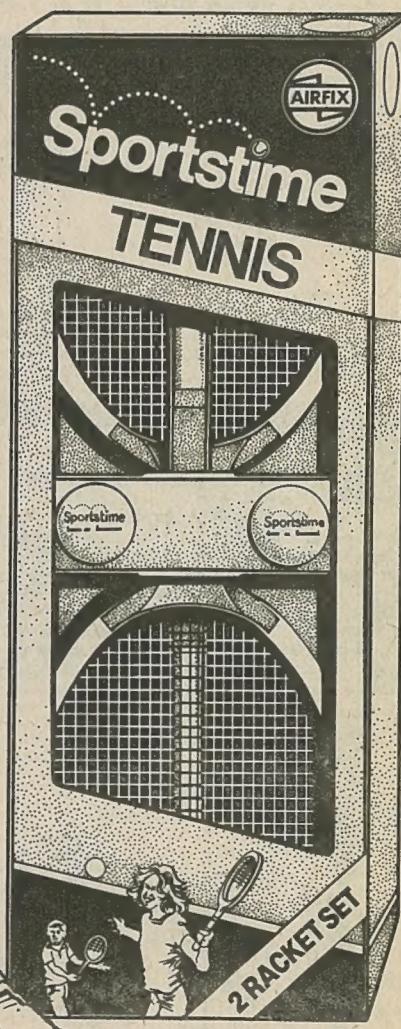
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SHOOTOUT EXPERT

FORMER Rochdale goalkeeper Mick Poole wears 00 on his back for Portland Timbers — and that's double protection as far as his team mates are concerned.

Poole's safe hands earned him third place in the goalkeeping rankings last season behind Phil Parkes and Erol Yasin.

But his manager Don Megson reckons he is the best in America. Says the former Bristol Rovers boss: "I know the statistics put him in third spot but in my opinion, Mick was the best 'keeper in the League in 1978."

"The shootout situation proved that there is no one better at coming out and blocking the ball and some of the saves he produced over the season were tremendous."

Poole (right) is something of a shootout specialist. That's the method which has replaced penalty-taking to decide drawn games in the States — each player either shoots or dribbles the ball goalwards from the 35 yard line.

The Portland 'keeper puts aside five or ten minutes each day to work on shootouts, and it has paid dividends. The Timbers have lost only two of nine shootouts since he has been in goal.

Poole went to Portland on loan two years ago, and last year the club signed him permanently from Rochdale.

The 23-year-old is loving his new

lifestyle in Oregon, where he's just bought a house for his wife, Hazel, and daughter Emma, a far cry from the North of England.

Poole has made himself one of the most popular players in the Portland area with his unceasing work for youngsters. He was probably busier than any other player during the off-season, conducting clinics, making personal appearances, and speaking at youth banquets.

Poole set a club record last year with nine blank sheets — or shutouts, as they're called in the States. But this season, he's managed only one so far.

He's also let in 26 goals in 11 games, which means he's unlikely to be in the running for top 'keeper this year unless he and his defenders start getting a bit meaner.

It's been a disappointing season all round for Portland, who reached the National Conference Final last year. They're bottom of the Western Division.

Willie Anderson, former Manchester United and Aston Villa star, has been enjoying himself though. He has made six goals in eight appearances and is all set to beat his own club record for 'assists'. He got 11 last summer.

John Bain, who hopes to return to Bristol City in the winter, is also playing well. He's scored three goals and made three assists from midfield so far.



Firmani's farewell

EDDIE Firmani's sacking by Cosmos proves that there's no pleasing club owners.

Firmani won Soccer Bowl for the New York side two years in succession and had the best record by far this year — nine wins and two losses — at the time of his dismissal.

But the club's Executive Vice-President Rafael de la Sierra said: "We may have been 9-2 but we could have lost five more games. We are not playing like a team."

Firmani fell out with the owners over his use, or rather lack of use, of Brazilian defender Francisco Marinho and goalkeeper Yasin.

Johnston faces ban

VANCOUVER had a tough battle with San Jose, which saw the Whitecaps' John Craven sent off and both coaches booked.

Vancouver are still top of the National Conference's Western Division, but they could be losing another player to a suspension soon.

Winger Willie Johnston has 19 disciplinary points and faces a likely two match ban the next time he receives a yellow card.

NO sending-off story can match that of Edmonton Drillers' Lorenz Hilkis in the game against San Jose Earthquakes.

He came on as substitute, despite having two broken toes, and almost immediately helped to make a goal.

SOCCER in the STATES



Soon after that, he was involved in a shoving match with San Jose's Sam Bick and got his marching orders. So did Bick.

Mahoney for Surf?

MIKE Mahoney, former Bristol Rovers, Torquay and Newcastle goalkeeper, faces tough competition for his place at Chicago Sting following the signing of Canadian World Cup 'keeper Tony Chursky.

Chursky, 25, played for Seattle Sounders in the 1977 Soccer Bowl against the Cosmos and has taken over as the Sting's top goalkeeper.

Lost Record

TREVOR Francis' Detroit Express aren't doing as well as they expected in the Central Division of the American Conference.

And they recently lost their proud unbeaten home record, which had stood since June last year. Minnesota Kicks ended it with goals from Chico Hamilton and Ron Futcher.

Optimistic Muller

AFTER a slow start, Gerd Muller is beginning to settle down in the Fort Lauderdale team.

Says the West German star: "I am feeling comfortable for the first time since coming the States."

GIORGIO Chinaglia keeps denying that he rules the roost at the Cosmos, but he is the only player with his own office.

Recently, at a game against the Tulsa Roughnecks, the Cosmos even announced a special Giorgio Chinaglia Day.

It would all be unbearable for the other players if the big Italian wasn't so good at his job of scoring goals. He's out in front of everyone else in the League again with 12 in as many games.

Neeskens still to play for Holland?

EVEN though Johan Neeskens has signed for Cosmos, it doesn't necessarily mean he's played his last game for Holland. Usually when an international goes Stateside, his international career comes to a halt, but apparently the former Ajax and Barcelona midfielder has a clause in his contract that stipulates that he's released for Holland's "important" games.

At 27, Neeskens still has much to offer Holland... but how will playing in the N.A.S.L. affect him?

A player needs to be involved in top-class football to keep his com-

Tea Men in trouble

NEW England Tea Men, one of the League's most exciting sides last season under coach Noel Cantwell, are in trouble this term.

They are bottom of the American Conference's Eastern Division and already look to have a near-impossible task to reach the play-offs.

They equalled the NASL record for successive scoreless games this season — five — and that's a record they could do without.

Their barren spell was ended by Roger Gibbins from Norwich. You could almost hear the sighs of relief when he sank the ball past Rochester 'keeper Shep Messing.

Ironically, Gibbins is playing in defence for the Tea Men this season.

U.S. out

MEXICO have eliminated the U.S. from the Olympic soccer qualifying tournament with a second win over their neighbours.

But American coach Walt Chyzowich still hopes to lead his team to Moscow next year. He has lodged an official protest on the grounds that the Mexican team are all professionals, playing for Curtidores of Leon.

It is a shallow protest though, considering how many U.S. Olympic athletes get to college on sports grants.

Cruyff Boosts Gates

THE arrival of Johan Cruyff is already having its effect on the crowds at Los Angeles Aztecs, as well as on the field.

Much to the relief of the owners, who had spent a small fortune on advertising, more than 16,000 attended the flying Dutchman's second home game against Portland.

Even more encouraging, Cruyff inspired the team to a 5-1 win, scoring one goal and making another before coming off to a standing ovation.

The crowd was 7,000 above the previous season's best of 9,000 for the Dutch star's first appearance.

SOME recent results in Washington State read: Godmoers 3, Kitchen World 1; Web Feet 2, Machine Parts 2; Wings as Eagle 2, Ice Cream Clone 2; Guaranteed Fresh 3, Happy Kickers 0; Plumballs 3, Arsenic and Old Lace 1.

If the names haven't given you a clue already, they're from the Women's Soccer League.

petitive edge, certainly an all-action player like Neeskens.

Will he be able to raise his game after playing against inferior opposition, often on AstroTurf?

It's a great shame Johan chose the Cosmos and not Arsenal, but the sort of salary he's earning in New York will set him up for life.

Money isn't everything, though, and Neeskens has been the sort of player who has thrived on challenges. Playing for the Cosmos in the NASL will be easy after the high level he's been used to in Europe.

'MY CLOSE SEASON

FOR most players, internationals like me in particular, the close season virtually means business as usual. There aren't many days when I'm not putting on my boots in order to train or play.

But variety is the spice of life, and there are plenty of new experiences to enjoy. One of the major benefits of being a professional footballer is that I can visit far away places with strange-sounding names and increase my knowledge of the world.

It's now almost two months since the season ended, and life for me has been all go.

Due to the prolonged season brought about by the spell of ultra-foul weather in mid-winter, it wasn't until the Thursday following the F.A. Cup Final that we at Liverpool played the final match that rounded-off the greatest period in the League in our club's marvellous history.

By beating Leeds United 3-0, we finished with the impressive figures of 30 wins, 8 draws, 4 defeats, 85 goals for, 16 against, and a record breaking total of 68 points.

Immediately after the game, which ended with a massive salute from our fans and those of Leeds, we went directly from Elland Road to meet-up with the rest of the England party assembled for the British Championship. The next day we flew out to Belfast to prepare for the opening game against Northern Ireland.

I said in a previous column I fully expected manager Ron Greenwood to rest those from Liverpool who had played in the Leeds game, but we were delighted to find we were included to play the Irish.

Ron Greenwood had already declared a preference for a nucleus of players from a successful side like Liverpool, and I suppose the only reason for leaving us out would have been if we had lost to Leeds and been in a less-bouyant mood. When you're winning, you don't care how many games you play!

Unfortunately, even though we dominated the Irish, especially in the first-half, we were not particu-

RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer



larly happy about our performance, and felt we should have scored more than two goals considering the chances we had.

On the Sunday we flew back to spend a day with our families before reassembling in London to prepare for our next game, against Wales, who had also begun the tournament with a win at Cardiff over the Scots. What a morale-booster it was for the Red Dragons — three-nil — and every goal scored by my former Liverpool team-mate, John Toshack, recalled after a long absence to collect his first-ever international hat-trick.

He proved too hard to handle for the three new caps in the Scots' back-four, one of whom is my team-mate at Anfield, Alan Hansen. I doubt if Scotland's manager, Jock Stein, will make the mistake again of bleeding so many players in the same department.

One of the reasons why Ron Greenwood is so popular in the



England squad is because of his awareness that every player should play at least once when there's a string of matches.

And we'd got two more to play in the British Championship, and three in the tour that closely followed.

So I wasn't surprised to find myself replaced by Manchester City's Joe Corrigan, one of the most dependable and likeable 'keepers in the country. Kevin Keegan, unable to play in Belfast due to club commitments, was also in the line-up.

A large crowd at Wembley turned up for what had all the makings of a great game, but somehow it never really sparkled and ended goal-less, with John Toshack subdued by Dave Watson and Kevin closely shadowed.

With a superior goal-difference Wales had a great chance of taking the Championship outright for the first time since 1936-37 — I think players wore moustaches and knee-length shorts then — but failed through only drawing 1-1 with Northern Ireland on the Friday night.

So that meant we had to beat the Scots at Wembley in order to keep the title!

As usual Scots fans out-numbered ours on the day. I've a feeling this is

'Only a player with the talent of Kenny Dalglish could have squared the ball for Wark to score'

because many of our absentees are discouraged by the irresponsible behaviour of a minority of loutish Scotsmen of all ages who spoil what should be a festival-like occasion.

Jock Stein's men began well, but did not deserve their first goal, which resulted from a foul by Joe Jordan on Phil Neal. Joe manhandled his way past Phil and while we waited for the whistle from the ref, which never came, Arthur Graham drove the ball low and hard across my goalmouth. I learned afterwards that some felt I should have come off my line to it, but that sort of cross is virtually impossible to reach.

In fact, it skidded off the wet turf so fast that only a player of the class of Kenny Dalglish, lurking on the far post, could have controlled it. Instead of trying a shot, as most

That height (or lack of it!) was shared by wing-half Tommy Magee of West Bromwich, who gained five caps in the 1920's — and Tottenham winger 'Fanny' Walden, who was capped once before, and once after, World War One.

Birthday results

I was born on 26th March, 1966. Can you please tell me how the English First Division games scheduled for that Saturday ended?

PAUL O'SULLIVAN,
SOLIHULL

- This is how they all went, Paul. Arsenal 1, Newcastle 3; Aston Villa 0, Liverpool 3; Burnley 4, Forest 1; Chelsea 2, West Bromwich 3.

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Final non-appearance

Is it true the Scottish Cup was once won through one side failing to come to play the Final?

MARIC PRICE,
SWANSEA

• Believe it or not, Maric, it is. Imagine Rangers due to play Celtic nowadays — and one of 'em not turning up!

Still, this was back in 1884, when things were a bit different.

This was only the 11th Scottish Cup Final — and Queen's Park had won six, and Vale of Leven three, of the previous ten.

These two were due to meet in the 1884 Final and, in view of their impressive past Cup records, it was an eagerly-awaited match.

But, for one reason and another, a lot of bad feeling had built-up between the clubs — and, in a fit of pique, Vale left their opponents high-and-dry by failing to appear.

So Queen's Park were awarded the Cup without kicking a ball in the Final! Ironically, this more-or-less reversed the position in the 1879 Final. Then Vale of Leven were awarded the Cup in similar fashion when, after a 1-1 draw, opponents Rangers refused to take part in a replay.

Shortest

How small was the shortest man to play for England?

ANDREW LORD,
BENFLEET

• As far as I can trace, Andrew, 5ft. 3ins. is the shortest.

IS ALL-GO'



Left: John Wark puts Scotland ahead against England at Wembley with a shot that gave Ray Clemence no chance. Right: Keegan soars above the Bulgarian defence.

ing best. He ran at the Scottish defence, played a brilliant one-two with Trevor Brooking and drove the ball past the advancing Wood. No keeper could have saved it.

Directly after the game, the Liverpool players from both teams booked into Heathrow airport, from where we took off the following morning to play the Israeli national team.

There was a full house of around 50,000 when we kicked-off at five o'clock on the Monday evening.

The eyes of Bob Paisley, our manager, were on their Avi Cohen, Liverpool's new £200,000 signing.

At the end of an exciting first-half, with us leading by one-nil, Avi changed shirts and replaced Alan Hansen for his first game with our senior side.

Shortly after the re-start, they equalised only for us to reply with two goals to lead 3-1. But the heat, and the after-effects of a hard British Championship, took its toll on our internationals and the Israelis scored twice more to draw.

The weather was marvellous, the hospitality just as warm, and we enjoyed ourselves so much we've provisionally agreed to return for another friendly in October.

The only blight was that I aggravated an injury to my right ankle, but thanks to treatment by the Arsenal and England physio Fred Street I was fit to play against Bulgaria in the European Championship tie that began the England tour.

It was even hotter in Sofia, a sharp contrast to the disappointing summer at home.

In fact, after the game, Kevin Keegan declared that he'd never before played in such a furnace-like heat.

What a boost for us to win by three clear goals against a side that has always been respected in Europe.

52-year-old 'keeper

Is it true a goalkeeper played in a Football League match at the age of 52?

**ZAID BAKKI,
MANCHESTER**

• Sure is, Zaid — and, even though it was only in an emergency that he had temporarily to come of retirement, it gave him a place in soccer history as the oldest player ever to appear in the Football League.

The gallant "old 'un" was Neil McBain — and he was four months past his 52nd birthday when he turned out for New Brighton v. Hartlepools (Third Division North) on 15th March, 1947.

McBain, manager of the club at the time, had played three times for Scotland in the 1920's — as a WING-HALF!

players would have done in that position, he coolly played it squarely into the path of John Wark, who netted easily.

From then on the Scots had the best of the first-half, and it was a lucky break when one of their stupid supporters invaded the pitch and broke their concentration.

Peter Barnes levelled for us at just the right psychological moment, driving a soft shot at an angle through the Scots' defence and past the unsighted George Wood.

From the re-start we dominated so much that we knew we were going to finish winners.

I felt sorry for George Wood when he allowed a fierce shot from Ray Wilkins — playing far above his club form and showing all his true potential — to spring from his grasp for Steve Coppell to score our second goal from a simple tap-in.

Steve got a similar goal to beat Scotland in the corresponding match last year, before the Scots departed for the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

I hope Jock Stein perseveres with Wood, one of the Football League's most promising goalkeepers.

Our third goal was breathtakingly simple, a real textbook illustration. Kevin, who had played too far back in the first-half, was at his devastat-

ing best. He ran at the Scottish defence, played a brilliant one-two with Trevor Brooking and drove the ball past the advancing Wood. No keeper could have saved it.

Notice how only ten of those 22 clubs are in the First Division in 1978-79?

Lowest

What is the lowest attendance for a Football League match since the last war?

**PETER RICHARDSON,
BEXLEY**

• I'll be honest and admit I'm not 100 per cent sure, Peter — but I think you might be pushed to beat the 484 spectators who went to watch Gateshead play Accrington Stanley in a Third Division (North) game in March, 1952.



'We stand proudly at the top of Group One'

After a start which saw our defence in tangles at times, we settled down to play fine football against a Bulgarian side that refused to surrender.

Our three goals came from Keegan, by courtesy of that man Brooking again; Dave Watson, showing why he was once a striker; and Peter Barnes, the victim of a bad tackle later which caused him to be pulled off and replaced by Tony Woodcock.

So now we stand proudly at the top of Group One, with three wins, one draw, not a single defeat and a satisfying goal-difference of eight.

We're well placed to play Denmark — in fourth place after inflicting a 4-0 defeat on our main rivals Northern Ireland — at Wembley on September 12th. There's bound to be a full house, so don't hang about when the tickets come on sale.

From Bulgaria, we journeyed to Sweden for the first of our two friendlies, which we drew 0-0; and then on to Austria, where we

lost 4-3 after a tremendously exciting game.

It was nice to get home to spend some time with my family, my wife Vee, two daughters and son, and also relax with a short golfing holiday.

Right now I'm in Norway, in response to an invitation to coach 15-year-olds in a training camp outside Oslo. Regular readers will remember that I visited the country during last close season to present a Player of the Year award.

I'm due to return to England on July 8th. Pre-season training starts for the majority of Liverpool players on the 11th, but Bob Paisley has granted a dispensation to those involved in internationals and I report back a week later.

So during that week I'll be staying in my home town of Skegness and start the first of my testimonial functions. There's a cabaret night at the Eastgate Leisure Centre, Ingolmells, just outside the town, headed by the celebrated Guys and Dolls.

At the end of the following week, after getting back into the old sweat and strain routine of training at Melwood, I return to Skegness for a celebrity golf tournament. Along with players from Leeds, Everton, Nottingham Forest, and Derby there'll be showbiz stars such as Eddie Large and Charlie Williams.

On August 1st we start a series of warm-up games. The first is against our old rivals from West Germany, Borussia Mönchengladbach, followed by a two-game tournament at Gelsenkirchen, and we end on August 7th with a game against a Danish side.

On August 11th, we make our only appearance at Wembley in 1979 — we missed out on the F.A. Cup and League Cup Finals — for the annual Charity Shield Champions v Cup-winners curtain-raiser to the new season. Against Arsenal it'll be the North v South confrontation that always captures the imaginations of fans.

Then, on the following Saturday, we're back in League action again! A hectic lifestyle — but I wouldn't swap it for the world.

Ray Clemence

SHORT PASSES

• Liverpool have played in six F.A. Cup Finals — winning in 1965 and 1974; and losing in 1914, 1950, 1971, and 1977.

**(MATTHEW SPEECHLEY,
Lymington)**

• Chelsea's record gate is 82,905; for a First Division game with Arsenal on 12th October, 1935.

(GARY PERT, Harlow)

• Jack Charlton played a club record 629 League games for Leeds, and gained 35 full England caps.

(TONY SMITH, Powys)

• Duncan McKenzie's League clubs have been Forest, Leeds, Anderlecht, Everton, Chelsea, and now Blackburn Rovers. He's also played for Mansfield on loan.

(BRENT READ, Lutterworth)

• Reading's highest finishing position in the League is 14th in Division Two in 1926-27 — the same season they reached the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.

(P. MOORE, Reading)

• Martin Buchan was born in Aberdeen on 6th March, 1949.

(TERESA SHARP, Luton)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

ALL THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (61): Stapleton 17, Brady 13, Sunderland 9, Price 8, Rix 3, Macdonald 2, Nelson 2, O'Leary 2, Walford 2, Gatting 1, Heeley 1, Rice 1.

ASTON VILLA (59): Deehan 9, Gregory 7, Shelton 7, Evans (A) 6, Gray 6, Cowans 4, Gidman 3, Mortimer 3, Craig 2, Cropley 2, Swain 4, Little 1, McNaught 1, Opponents 4.

BIRMINGHAM (37): Buckley 8, Givens 7, Francis 3, Gallagher 3, Ainscow 2, Barrowclough 2, Bertschin 2, Dillon 2, Towers 2, Broadhurst 1, Calderwood 1, Dark 1, Lynex 1, Tarantini 1. Opponents 1.

BOLTON (54): Worthington 24, Gowling 15, McNab 3, Whatmore 3, Morgan 2, Allardyce 1, Burke 1, Greaves 1, Jones (P) 1, Smith 1, Walsh 1, Opponents 1.

BRISTOL CITY (47): Mabbett 9, Ritchie 9, Royle 7, Gow 5, Rodgers 5, Cormack 3, Meijer 2, Whitehead 2, Garland 1, Gillies 1, Mann 1, Tainton 1, Hunter 1.

CHELSEA (44): Langley 15, Stanley 5, McKenzie 4, Swain 4, Walker 4, Wilkins (R) 3, Osgood 2, Bannon 1, Bumpstead 1, Johnson 1, Wicks 1, Wilkins (G) 1, Opponents 2.

COVENTRY (58): Wallace 15, Powell 8, Thompson 8, Ferguson 7, Hunt 6, Hutchison 6, McDonald 4, Bannister 1, Beck 1, Blair 1, Green 1.

DERBY (44): Daly 13, Duncan 5, Caskey 3, Buckley 4, Hill 1, McFarland 3, Powell 3, George 2, Carter 1, Crawford 3, Daniel 1, Greenwood 1, Nish 1, Webb 1, Opponents 2.

EVERTON (52): King 13, Latchford 12, Ross 6, Lyons 5, Dobson 4, Kidd 2, Telfer 2, Thomas 2, Wright 2, Higgins 1, Jack 1, Nulty 1, Walsh 1.

IPSWICH (63): Mariner 13, Brazil 9, Muhren 8, Gates 7, Wark 6, Woods 5, Talbot 3, Butcher 2, Mills 2, Osman 2, Beattie 1, Burley 1, Geddis 1, Thijssen 1, Whymark 1, Opponents 1.

LEEDS UNITED (70): Hawley 16, Graham 9, Hankin 9, F. Gray 6, Hart 4, Cherry 6, Currie 7, E. Gray 4,

Lynn 3, Stevenson 1, Madeley 1, Harris 3, Opponents 1.

LIVERPOOL (85): Dalglish 21, Johnson 15, R. Kennedy 10, McDermott 9, Souness 8, Case 7, Neal 5, Heighway 4, A. Kennedy 3, Fairclough 2, Hansen 1.

MANCHESTER CITY (58): Channon 11, Owen 11, Kidd 7, Futcher (R) 7, Deyna 6, Palmer 4, Hartford 3, Power 3, Silkman 3, Barnes 1, Watson 1, Opponents 1.

MANCHESTER UNITED (60): Copell 11, Greenhoff (J) 11, Ritchie 9, Jordan 6, Macari 6, McIlroy 6, McQueen 6, Buchan 2, Greenhoff (B) 2, Thomas 1.

MIDDLESBROUGH (57): Burns 14, Armstrong 11, Proctor 9, Ashcroft 6, Mills 6, Cochrane 3, Boam 1, Cummins 1, Hodgson 1, Jankovic 1, McAndrew 1, Shearer 1, Woof 1, Opponents 1.

NORWICH CITY (51): Peters 10, Ryan 9, Reeves 8, Fashanu 5, Chivers 4, Robson 4, Bond 2, Davies 2, Neighbour 2, Evans 1, Paddon 1, Powell 1, Robb 1, Opponents 1.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (61): Birles 14, O'Neill 10, Woodcock 10, Robertson 9, Francis 6, Bowyer 4, Needham 2, Anderson 1, Gemmill 1, Barrett 1, Mills 1, Opponents 2.

Q.P.R. (45): Busby 6, Goddard 6, Allen 4, Roeder 4, Eastoe 3, McGee 3, Gillard 3, Harkouk 3, Shanks 3, Walsh 3, Francis 2, Hamilton 2, Bowles 1, Clement 1, Howe 1.

SOUTHAMPTON (47): Holmes 8, Boyer 7, Peach 5, Waldron 6, MacDougall 5, Baker 5, Nicholl 3, Hayes 3, Hebbert 2, Ball 2, Opponents 1.

TOTTENHAM (48): Taylor 11, Lee, 7, Hoddle 7, Jones 5, Pratt 4, Ardiles 3, Villa 3, Armstrong 1, Duncan 1, Falco 1, Holmes 1, McAlister 1, Perryman 1, Opponents 2.

WEST BROM (69): Brown (A) 17, Regis 13, Brown (T) 10, Cunningham 8, Robson 6, Cantello 3, Mills 3, Trewick 3, Wile 2, Statham 1, Summerfield 1, Opponents 2.

WOLVES (44): Richards 9, Daley 6, Hibbitt 6, Daniel 5, Bell 3, Berry 3, Carr 3, Eves 2, Rafferty 2, Clarke 1, Patching 1, Opponents 3.



JOHN DEEHAN
(ASTON VILLA)

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN ROVERS (41): Garner 8, Hird 6, Radford 6, Craig 5, Fazackerley 3, Gregory 3, Aston 2, Brotherston 2, McKenzie 2, Metcalfe 1, Round 1, Taylor 1, Waddington 1.

BRIGHTON (72): Horton 11, Maybank 10, Ward 10, Poskett 9, Ryan 9, Sayer 5, Clark 4, Rollings 3, Lawrence 2, Williams 2, Chivers 1, O'Sullivan 1, Opponents 5.

BRISTOL ROVERS (48): Randall 13, White 10, Williams 10, Staniforth 6, Gould 2, Prince 2, Aitken 1, Barry 1, Hendrie 1, Jones 1, Opponents 1.

BURNLEY (51): Noble 14, Fletcher 9, Ingham 9, Brennan 4, James 3, Kindon 3, Hall 2, Morley 2, Cochrane 1, Robinson 1, Scott 1, Smith 1, Thomson 1.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (44): Biley 20, Finney 8, Christie 3, Garner 3, Spriggs 2, Buckley 1, Cozens 1, Leach 1, Murray 1, Streete 1, Opponents 3.

CARDIFF CITY (56): Buchanan 16, Stevens 13, Evans 7, Bishop 6, Dwyer 4, Moore 3, Roberts 2, Grapes 1, Sullivan 1, Went 1, Opponents 2.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC (60): Robinson 15, Flanagan 13, Hales 8, Briley 3, Gritt 3, Madden 3, Shipperley 3, Campbell 2, Peacock 2, Tydeman 2, Warman 2, Berry 1, Powell 1, Shaw 1, Opponents 1.

CRYSTAL PALACE (51): Swindhurst 14, Walsh 8, Elwiss 7, Hilaire 6, Murphy 5, Chatterton 3, Nicholas 3, Cannon 2, Gilbert 1, Hinshelwood 1, Smillie 1.

FULHAM (50): Guthrie 13, Davies 9, Margerrison 6, Kitchen 5, Greenaway 3, Lock 3, Evans 2, Gale 2, Beck 1, Evanson 1, Mahoney 1, Money 1, Strong 1, Opponents 2.

LEICESTER CITY (43): Christie 8, Smith 6, Buchanan 5, Henderson 4, May 4, Hughes 3, Weller 3, Davies 2, Peake 2, Williams 2, Duffy 1, Goodwin 1, Grewcock 1, Lineker 1.

LUTON TOWN (60): Moss 13, Hatton 11, Stein 9, Fuccillo 7, Turner 5, Hill 3, West 3, Price 2, Taylor 1, Opponents 6.

MILLWALL (42): Seasman 10, Mitchell 5, Walker 5, Chambers 4, Chatterton 4, Mehmet 4, Hamilton (B) 2, Kitchener 2, Lee 1, Tagg 1, Towner 1, Opponents 3.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (51): Withe 14, Shoulder 11, Connolly 8, Bird 3, Pearson 3, Barton 2, McGhee 2, Nattrass 2, Walker 2, Cassidy 1, Martin 1, Mitchell 1, Robinson 1.

NOTTS COUNTY (48): Vinter 12, Hooks 10, McCulloch 8, O'Brien 6, Blackley 3, Mann 3, Masson 3, Hunt 2, Mair 1.

OLDHAM ATHLETIC (52): Young 10, Halom 5, Heaton 5, Stainrod 5, Taylor 5, Hicks 4, Steel 4, Chapman 3, Bell 2, Hilton 2, Wood 2, Gardner 1, Hoolickin 1, Hurst 1, Valentine 1, Opponents 1.

ORIENT (51): Moores 13, Mayo 11, Kitchen 7, Chiedozie 6, Greasham 5, Coates 3, Hughton 2, Went 2, Banjo 1, Whittle 1.

PRESTON (59): Bruce 21, Robinson 13, Coleman 7, Baxter 4, Potts 4, Thomson 4, Doyle 2, Bell 1, Cochrane 1, Haslegrave 1, Opponents 1.

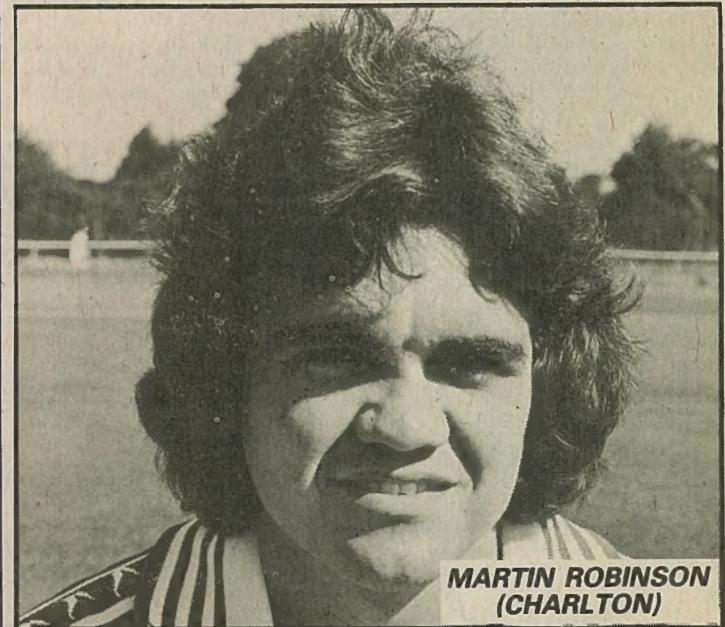
SHEFFIELD UNITED (52): Anderson 12, Matthews 5, Finnieston 4, Hamson 4, Varadi 4, Kenworthy 3, Sabella 3, Stainrod 3, Benjamin 2, Guy 2, Speight 2, Brown 1, Calvert 1, Franks 1, Garner 1, McPhail 1, Riach 1, Smith 1, Opponents 1.

STOKE CITY (58): O'Callaghan 15, Crooks 12, Irvine 8, Richardson 6, Busby 5, Randall 5, Kendall 2, Smith 2, Doyle 1, McGroarty 1, Opponents 1.

SUNDERLAND (70): Rowell 21, Entwistle 11, Rostrom 11, Brown 6, Lee 6, Docherty 4, Bolton 3, Clarke 2, Greenwood 2, Ashurst 1, Chisholm 1, Elliott 1, Gilbert 1.

WEST HAM (70): Robson 24, Cross 17, Devonshire 5, Bonds 4, Holland 3, Lampard 3, Taylor (A) 3, Brookings 2, Pike 2, McDowell 2, Curbishley 1, Martin 1, Opponents 3.

WREXHAM (45): Lyons 10, Whittle 7, Shinton 6, Thomas 6, McNeil 4, Hill 3, Buxton 2, Jones 2, Fox 1, Giles 1, Williams 1, Opponents 2.



MARTIN ROBINSON
(CHARLTON)

GOALSCORERS - 1978-79

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (61): Spence 16, Kellow 11, McEwan 5, Chandler 5, Weston 4, Hockaday 4, Jones 3, Davidson 3, Ronson 3, Sudday 2, Wilson 1, Wagstaffe 1, Thompson 1, Malone 1, Opponents 1.

BRENTFORD (53): McCulloch 14, Phillips 14, Smith 8, Cruze 4, McNichol 4, Carlton 2, Glover 2, Shrub 2, Eames 1, J. Graham 1, Salmon 1.

BURY (59): Beamish 16, Gregory 10, Wilson 7, Whitehead 3, Stanton 4, Tucker 2, Farrell 1, Ritson 2, Lugg 2, Taylor 2, Keenan 1, Rowland 1, Robins 1, Kennedy 1, Constantine 1, Hatton 1, Hilton 1, Madden 1, Johnson 1, Opponents 1.

CARLISLE (53): Kemp 18, Tait 7, Bonnyman 7, Lumby 6, McCartney 5, Ludlam 3, McVitie 2, Parker 1, McDonald 1, Hamilton 1, Opponents 2.

CHESTER (57): Edwards 20, Phillips 10, Henderson 7, Mellor 6, Oakes 4, Raynor 4, Jones 2, Delgado 1, Walker 1, Jeffries 1, Livermore 1.

CHESTERFIELD (51): Fern 11, Walker 9, Kowalski 5, Moss 5, Salmons 5, Cammack 4, Simpson 3, Cottam 2, Flavell 2, Burton 1, Prophett 1, Tatt 1, Opponents 2.

COLCHESTER (60): Gough 16, Lee 11, Foley 6, Allinson 5, Wignall 4, Rowells 4, Hodge 3, Dyer 2, Downman 2, Evans 2, Cook 1, Packer 1, Wright 1, Bunkell 1, Opponents 1.

EXETER (61): Bowker 11, Sims 11, Neville 9, Kellow 7, Delve 6, Pearson 3, Roberts 3, Randall 3, Rogers 3, Hatch 2, Templeman 1, Holman 1, Giles 1.

GILLINGHAM (65): Westwood 18, Price 14, Funnell 7, Jolley 5, Nicholl 4, Richardson 4, White 3, Crabbe 2, Hughes 2, Overton 2, Weatherly 2, Armstrong 1, Barker 1.

HULL CITY (66): Edwards 24, Bannister 15, Horswill 6, Galvin 4, Roberts 3, Lord 3, Skipper 2, McDonald 2, Warboys 2, Nisbet 1, Haig 1, Farley 1, Stewart 1, Hawker 1.

LINCOLN (41): Fleming 6, Harford 6, Cockerall 6, Hobson 5, Sunley 4, Ward 4, Watson 2, Wiggin 2, Leigh 1, Cooper 1, Harding 1, Laybourne 1, Tynan 1, Neale 1.

MANSFIELD TOWN (51): Curtis 6, Allen 5, Austin 5, Bird 4, Goodwin 4, M. Saxby 4, Miller 4, Syrett 4, Carter 4, Martin 3, Moss 2, McClelland 1, G. Saxby 1, Hamilton 1, Opponents 3.

OXFORD (44): Foley 9, Seacole 8, Graydon 5, Berry 4, Fogg 3, McGrogran 3, Duncan 3, Bodel 2, Hodgson 2, Jeffery 1, Taylor 1, White 1, Sweetzer 1, Opponents 1.

PETERBOROUGH (44): Butlin 5, Cooke 5, Slough 4, Robson 4, Guy 4, Doyle 3, McEwan 2, Sargent 2, Smith 2, Cliss 2, Gynn 2, Robertson 1, Anderson 1, Styles 1, Cunningham 1, Holman 1, Ross 1, Chard 1, Opponents 2.

PLYMOUTH (67): Binney 27, Johnson 11, Megson 7, Trusson 4, Bason 4, Fear 3, Clarke 3, Perrin 3, Silkman 2, Harrison 1, Rogers 1, Opponents 1.

ROTHERHAM (49): Phillips 14, Gwyther 13, Finney 9, Smith 3, Crawford 2, Young 2, Breckin 1.

Dawson 1, Flynn 1, Green 1, Rhodes 1, Carr 1.

SHEFFIELD WED (53): Hornsby 16, Wylde 14, Nimmo 4, Lowey 3, Owen 3, Johnson 3, Porterfield 2, Curran 1, Fleming 1, Grant 1, Mullen 1, Rushby 1, Tynan 1, Shirtliff 1, Sterland 1.

SHREWSBURY T (61): Maguire 13, Atkins 11, Biggins 9, King 6, Turner 5, Tong 5, Chapman 4, Griffin 2, Cress 2, Keay 2, Birch 2.

SOUTHEND (51): Parker 10, Fell 7, Loverick 6, Polycarpou 5, Pountney 5, Morris 7, Dudley 3, Moody 3, Stead 2, Abbott 1, Cusack 1, Yates 1.

SWANSEA (83): Waddle 19, James 14, Curtis 13, Toshack 13, Charles 12, Baker 2, Bartley 2, Stevenson 2, Smith 2, Boersma 1, Attley 1, Moore 1, Opponents 1.

SWINDON (74): Bates 14, Rowland 12, Mayes 11, Carter 10, McHale 6, Gilchrist 6, Miller 4, Kamara 3, Alzlewood 2, Williams 2, McLaughlin 1, Hamilton 1, Opponents 2.

TRANMERE (45): Evans 11, Moore 8, Peplow 8, Kerr 6, Bramhall 2, O'Neill 2, Craven 2, Thomas 2, Cliff 1, Parry 1, Postlewhite 1, Palios 1.

WALSALL (56): Austin 13, Birch 9, McDonough 7, Buckley 5, King 3, Penn 3, Sbragia 3, Syrett 3, Sarella 2, S. Waddington 2, Kelly 2, Caswell 1, Williams 1, Opponents 2.

WATFORD (83): Jenkins 29, Blissett 21, Bolton 9, Joslyn 8, Garner 4, Pollard 4, Downes 2, Mercer 2, Pritchett 2, Sims 1, Train 1.



FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (63): Dungworth 26, Needham 10, Brodie 6, Shanahan 4, Dixon 3, Edwards 2, Longhorn 2, McGregor 2, Wooler 2, Crosby 1, Howitt 1, Jopling 1, Tomlin 1, Opponents 2.

BARNESLEY (73): Bell 18, Clarke 12, Graham 12, Little 7, Millar 4, Pugh 4, Joicey 3, Riley 3, McCarthy 2, Peachey 2, Saunders 2, Chambers 1, Collins 1, Opponents 2.

BOURNEMOUTH (47): Butler (M) 8, MacDougall 8, Massey 6, Brown (K) 4, Scott 4, Brown (R) 3, Johnson 3, Barton 2, Lennard 2, Showers 2, Borthwick 1, Finnigan 1, Impey 1, Opponents 2.

BRADFORD CITY (62): McNiven 15, Baines 10, Dolan 9, Cooke 8, Hutchins 6, Jackson (P) 4, Robertson 3, Wood 3, Martinez 2, Johnson 1, Szabo 1.

CREWE ALEX (43): Coyne 16, Bowles 8, Davies 8, Nelson 5, Purdie 2, Bevan 1, Warnock 1, Wilishaw 1, Opponents 1.

DARLINGTON (49): Stone 9, Walsh 9, Seal 8, Ferguson 6, Peachey 6, Lyons 2, Paterson 2, Wann 2, Cochran 1, Hague 1, Hedley 1, Maitland 1, Nattress 1.

DONCASTER ROVERS (50): Owen 10, Laidlaw 7, French 5, Lewis 5, Bradley 3, Cox 3, Snodin 3, Bentley 2, Habbin 2, Jones 2, Packer 2, Cork 1, Olney 1, Pugh 1, Reed 1, Taylor 1, Opponents 1.

GRIMSBY TOWN (82): Ford 15, Waters 10, Brolly 9, Cumming 9, Drinkell 7, Lester 7, Liddle 6, Moore (K) 6, Donovan 3, Mitchell 2, Barker 1, Crombie 1, Mawer 1, Young 1, Opponents 4.

HALIFAX TOWN (39): Johnson 7, Mountford 4, Bell 3, Bradley 3, Campbell 3, Bullock 2, Burke 2, Dunleavy 2, Firth 2, Sidebottom 2, Trainer 2, Carroll 1, Lawson 1, Nixon 1, Prendergast 1, Opponents 3.

HARTLEPOOL (57): Houchen 12, Lawrence 9, Newton 8, Goldthorpe 6, Ayre 5, Crumplin 5, Linacre 5, Brooks 1, Harding 1, Hogan 1, Norton 1, Smith (T) 1, Opponents 2.

HEREFORD UNITED (53): Gould 13, Jones 8, Emery 5, Spiring 5, Holmes (K) 3, Holmes (W) 3, McGrellis 3, White 3, Powell 2, Bailey 1, Barton 1, Burrows 1, Crompton 1, Layton 1, Stephens 1, Thomas 1, Opponents 1.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (57): Robins 16, Fletcher 12, Holmes 11, Bielby 5, Campbell 3, Hanvey 2, Armstrong 1, Cowling 1, Gray 1, Hart 1, Howey 1, Sutton 1, Topping 1, Opponents 1.

NEWPORT COUNTY (66): Goddard 19, Lowndes 8, Tynan 7, Bruton 5, Oakes 5, Sinclair 4, Vaughan 4, Moore 3, Woods 2, Bailey 1, Clark 1, Davies 1, Thompson 1, Walden 1, Warriner 1, Williams 1, Opponents 2.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN (64): Reilly 19, Foggatt 13, Farrington 8, Robertson 5, McCaffery 4, Bryant 3, Christie 3, Mead 3, Williams 2, Cordice 1, Geidmuntis 1, Liddle 1, Opponents 1.

PORTSMOUTH (62): Garwood 15, Hemmerman 14, Barnard 7, Davey 7, Denyer 6, Lathan 4, Foster 2, Showers 2, Viney 2, Hand 1, Pullar

1, Wilson 1.

PORT VALE (57): Wright 14, Todd 8, Chamberlain (N) 7, Beamish 4, Beech 4, Farrell 4, Bromage 2, Hawkins 2, Healy 2, Keenan 2, Sinclair 2, Bloor 1, Griffiths 1, Sutcliffe 1, Tully 1, Opponents 2.

READING (76): Earles 15, Kearns 11, Bowman 10, Kearney 10, Hetzke 9, Alexander 8, Lewis 4, Sanchez 4, Bennett 1, Hicks 1, Peters 1, Shipley 1, Opponents 1.

ROCHDALE (47): Owen 11, Hoy 10, Jones 10, Edder 5, Hilditch 3, Scaife 2, Scott 2, Oliver 1, O'Loughlin 1, Snokes 1, Taylor 1.

SCUNTHORPE UNITED (54): Killmore 17, Earl 8, Couch 5, Grimes 5, Pilling 5, Oates 3, Wigg 3, Kavanagh 2, Keeley 2, Bloomer 1, Deere 1, Gibson 1, Opponents 1.

STOCKPORT COUNTY (58): Lee 20, Bradd 18, Henson 5, Park 4, Thompson 4, Edwards 2, Halford 2, Prudham 1, Summerbee 1, Opponents 1.

TORQUAY UNITED (58): Lawrence 17, Cooper 14, Murphy 10, Coffill 3, Davies 3, Green 3, Cox 2, Johnson 2, Wilson 2, Payne 1, Raper 1.

WIGAN ATHLETIC (63): Houghton 13, Purdie 11, Moore 9, Wright 7, Brownbill 6, Hinnigan 5, Corrigan 4, Ward 4, Gore 2, Smart 1, Opponents 1.

WIMBLEDON (78): Cork 22, Leslie 19, Parsons 7, Denny 6, Knowles 5, Cunningham 3, Galliers 3, Bryant 2, Galvin 2, Haverson 2, Briley 1, Downes 1, Driver 1, Eames 1, Kettleridge 1, Opponents 2.

YORK CITY (51): Staniforth 15, Randall 10, Loggie 8, McDonald 6, Ford 4, Clements 2, Stronach 2, Wellings 2, Faulkner 1, Opponents 1.



THE European Cup Final did more than reaffirm the strength of English club football. It brought into the spotlight one member of the largely anonymous band of British soccer exiles.

He was Bob Houghton, the 32-year-old Fulham and Brighton reserve team reject, who won the admiration of a Continent by guiding a Malmo side to the Final of club soccer's prestige event.

Houghton is only one of several men who, unsung and unwanted in their native country, go abroad to show their managerial ability.

Some, like Bill McGarry, Billy Bingham and George Kirby, have found the temptation of controlling an English club impossible to ignore and have returned home.

Others, like former West Bromwich and Walsall boss Ronnie Allen have stayed abroad.

All the roving managers insist that the same qualities are needed for success, whether you are in charge of Botswana or Birmingham. But there are problems.

Houghton illustrated one when he admitted: "For some time it hurt that no one apparently wanted me in England. But that is something I have got over. I feel I have proved myself with Malmo."

McGarry, when he took over as Saudi Arabia boss after being sacked by Wolves, had to surmount quite a different dilemma.

Now, back in the Football League as Newcastle's manager, McGarry recalls: "I arrived for a morning training session to find that one of my Saudi players had

Unwanted at home — okay away!

gone back to bed.

"The bloke was in his pyjamas when I found him. I had to learn two virtues I never thought I could possess — patience and tolerance.

"After all, I was teaching people who don't play for money. They have a casual approach to life and just want to be good footballers."

George Kirby gave up one of the safest jobs in foreign soccer to come back to manage Halifax.

Kirby was revered in Iceland, where in four seasons with Akranes he never failed to win a major domestic competition. He

even helped them give Bayern Munich a run for their money in the European Cup.

"In Iceland the acclaim was marvellous, but it didn't compensate for being away from my family," says Kirby, who began his managerial career at Halifax in 1970 before moving to Watford.

"I was reluctant to move my children away from the Watford area where we had settled. Their education was important, and being with Halifax means I can now spend more time with them."

He is quick to stress how profes-

sionally important his sojourn in Iceland was.

"You need the same qualities as a manager anywhere in the world", he insists. "But in Iceland there was no transfer market, so I had to find my own new players or cope with the squad I inherited."

Much travelled Billy Bingham now tackling the task of helping Mansfield out of the Third Division, has had two spells in Greece, one as manager of the national side.

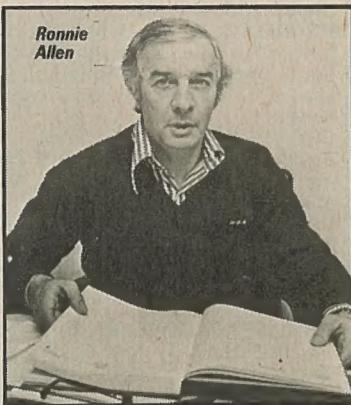
"The problem with Greek football is that the manager or coach doesn't have any say in the transfer of players, out or in," he says.

"I was coach of PAOK Salonika, and quickly realised at club level that attitude presents an immense problem. If you have no influence on who the club buys or sells, how can you form a team?"

Ronnie Allen had experience with Athletic Bilbao and Sporting Lisbon before taking over from Johnny Giles at West Bromwich Albion. Although he left within a year to go to Saudi Arabia, his influence can still be seen on the side Ron Atkinson inherited.

"By going abroad I became a far better manager," says Allen, who speaks fluent Spanish and Portuguese. "Learning to coach and communicate with players in a language other than English broadens your experience so much."

"It all helps to make dealing with the differing personalities at an English club that much easier. In the end it is vital to be a good man manager."



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NOBODY was more disappointed than big Phil Parkes when West Ham failed to clinch promotion to the First Division last season.

Phil was convinced The Hammers would go up when he joined them for a staggering £565,000, a world record for a goalkeeper, five months ago.

But they slipped up in the closing stages of a fiercely fought race and were condemned to another season in the Second Division.

And Phil believes that's all it will be — one more season. In a message of hope to all West Ham supporters he declares: "I'm certain we'll make no mistake next season."

"There is good reason for optimism, for I can't see a better side than us in the Division next term."

"We were good enough to do it last time. But someone had to be unlucky in one of the closest races of all time."

"It was incredible the way that five clubs kept in the hunt till the finish. Crystal Palace, Brighton, Stoke, the three who gained those precious promotion places, Sunderland and ourselves were locked in a rare old battle."

"Normally you get two or three clubs breaking away to give themselves some breathing space. That did not happen last year."

"And the fact that so many were involved left little margin for error. Every dropped point proved vital as we found to our cost when we were held at home by Cardiff and Wrexham in the final weeks."

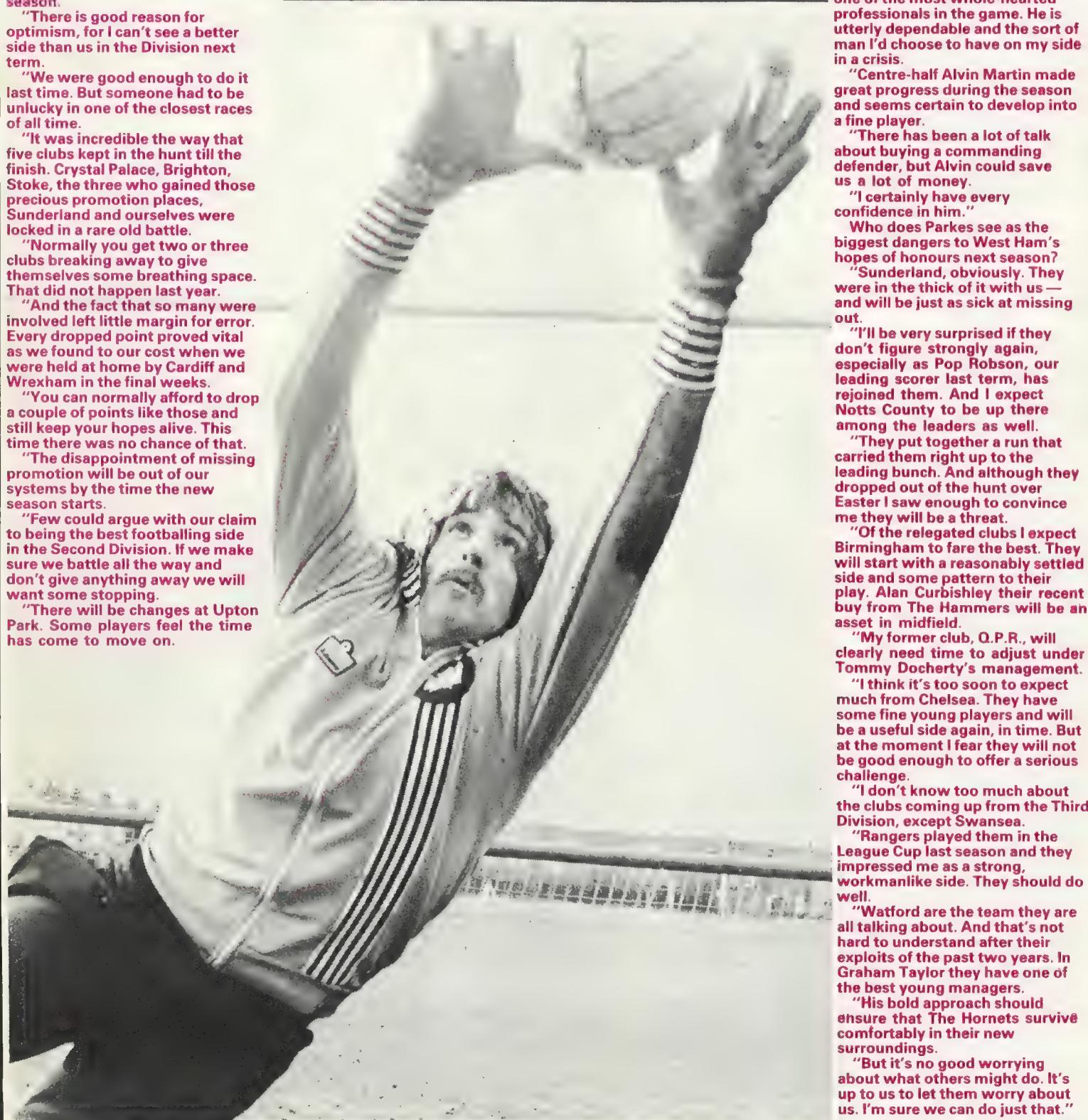
"You can normally afford to drop a couple of points like those and still keep your hopes alive. This time there was no chance of that."

"The disappointment of missing promotion will be out of our systems by the time the new season starts."

"Few could argue with our claim to being the best footballing side in the Second Division. If we make sure we battle all the way and don't give anything away we will want some stopping."

"There will be changes at Upton Park. Some players feel the time has come to move on."

PARKES TIPS HAMMERS TO GO UP



"But whatever happens we have the nucleus of a class side and I really fancy our chances of creating an impression."

"In skipper Billy Bonds we have one of the most whole-hearted professionals in the game. He is utterly dependable and the sort of man I'd choose to have on my side in a crisis."

"Centre-half Alvin Martin made great progress during the season and seems certain to develop into a fine player."

"There has been a lot of talk about buying a commanding defender, but Alvin could save us a lot of money."

"I certainly have every confidence in him."

Who does Parkes see as the biggest dangers to West Ham's hopes of honours next season?

"Sunderland, obviously. They were in the thick of it with us — and will be just as sick at missing out."

"I'll be very surprised if they don't figure strongly again, especially as Pop Robson, our leading scorer last term, has rejoined them. And I expect Notts County to be up there among the leaders as well."

"They put together a run that carried them right up to the leading bunch. And although they dropped out of the hunt over Easter I saw enough to convince me they will be a threat."

"Of the relegated clubs I expect Birmingham to fare the best. They will start with a reasonably settled side and some pattern to their play. Alan Curbishley their recent buy from The Hammers will be an asset in midfield."

"My former club, Q.P.R., will clearly need time to adjust under Tommy Docherty's management."

"I think it's too soon to expect much from Chelsea. They have some fine young players and will be a useful side again, in time. But at the moment I fear they will not be good enough to offer a serious challenge."

"I don't know too much about the clubs coming up from the Third Division, except Swansea."

"Rangers played them in the League Cup last season and they impressed me as a strong, workmanlike side. They should do well."

"Watford are the team they are all talking about. And that's not hard to understand after their exploits of the past two years. In Graham Taylor they have one of the best young managers."

"His bold approach should ensure that The Hornets survive comfortably in their new surroundings."

"But it's no good worrying about what others might do. It's up to us to let them worry about us. I'm sure we can do just that."



Bristol City's Kevin Mabbutt on the ball against Norwich City, watched by team-mate Gerry Gawn (left).

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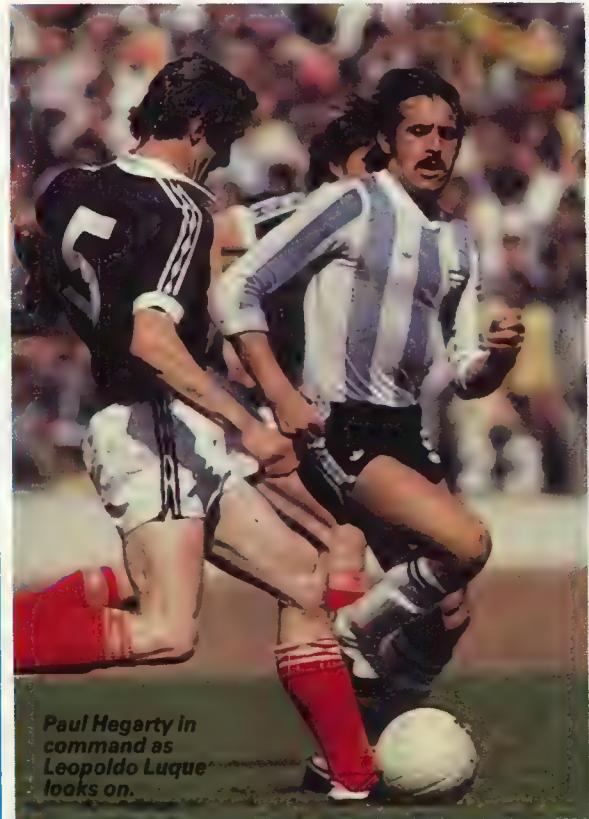
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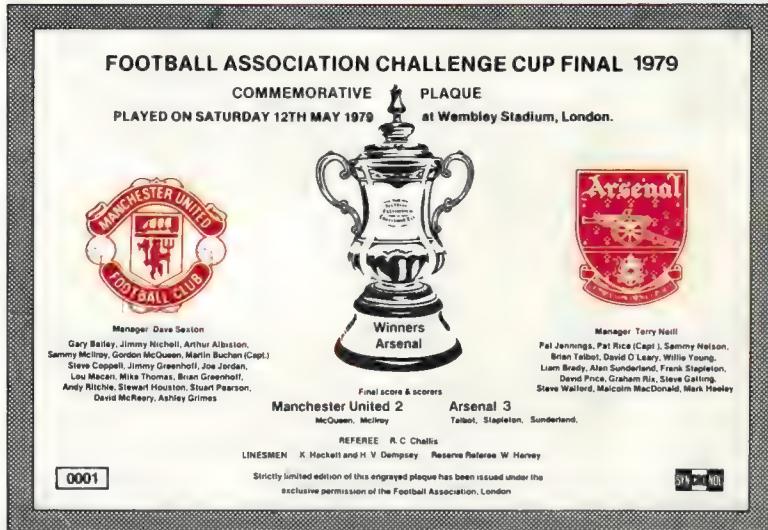
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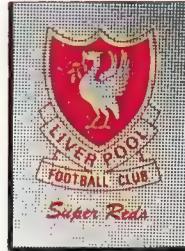
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YOUNG ENGLAND THIRD — AND ALLEN SHEDS TEARS

JOHN Cartwright's bid to begin his full-time reign as England Youth manager by winning the Little World Cup ended in disappointment, in Austria.

Cartwright tasted defeat for the first time in seven matches, when Bulgaria beat England 1-0 in the Semi-Final.

But he managed to boost his team's shattered morale in time for them to beat France on penalties to take third place in the competition. Not bad going in difficult conditions.

From the time the England squad arrived in Salzburg for the start of the tournament they had to contend with tropical conditions.

The sun beat down fiercely for the entire fortnight and when England played their matches, temperatures were in the high 80's.

Hardly the conditions the lads were used to at home. But they still managed to overcome them to produce some sparkling football in their group matches.

They made light work of a difficult opening match against the muscular Czechoslovakians — winning 3-0 with Arsenal's Brian McDermott scoring twice and Gary Shaw, of Aston Villa, grabbing the third.

The only sour note of a happy night for England came with the loss of Crystal Palace midfield man Tony Paul. He fractured his collarbone in a sickening mid-air collision after only three minutes and took no further part in the competition.

That put England under the handicap of having to battle on with a squad of only fifteen players.

And that was reduced to fourteen for the next game, against Malta. For Forest winger Steve Burke was ruled out of that one through suspension.

The heat was suffocating and

England were beaten 1-0 by the Bulgarians in the Semi-Final. The game was to end in misery for Clive Allen (left).

England did no more than they had to, to coast to another 3-0 win.

Clive Allen, of Queens Park Rangers, who earned a late call-up when Andy Ritchie dropped out, McDermott and an own goal brought the victory that established England as clear leaders at the top of the table.

They went into their final game, against West Germany, knowing that a point would be enough to see them through to the Semi-Finals.

But they had no intention of simply settling for that, as they proved when McDermott swept them into the lead after only two minutes.

The Germans gave them plenty of trouble with a lively display. But all the resistance was knocked out of them when Shaw hit the second early in the second-half and England should have won by a bigger margin in the end.

England were now established as clear favourites to win the trophy. But bitter disappointment was lurking just around the corner.

For their best form deserted them just when they needed it most and they slumped to a 1-0 defeat against Bulgaria in that Semi-Final, in Vienna.

The heat clearly took its toll in this match. For England were unable to match the pace set by the busy Bulgars and struggled throughout.

The one real mistake the defence made all through the competition was punished when skipper Petar Kurkov shot the only goal midway through the second-half.

England, although out-of-touch, had a glorious chance to save the match when they were awarded a last minute penalty following handball by a Bulgarian defender.

But Clive Allen, deputising for

Burke, who was injured against the Germans, wasted it by shooting against the outside of a post. He immediately broke down in tears and all the sympathy offered by his team mates failed to console him.

So England found themselves having to play France in the play-off for third and fourth places. They lacked the sharpness to make the most of some acceptable chances and it was 0-0 when the final whistle shrilled and it had to be decided on penalties.

England got off to a bad start when Burke, back after his injury, saw his shot saved. But the other four, Mark Proctor, Mark Dennis, Brendan Ormsby and Keith James all scored.

Tribute

The French scored with three, keeper John Lukic made a fine save to keep out another, the fifth was put wide — and England had finished third. Yugoslavia won the Cup, beating Bulgaria 1-0.

Although obviously disappointed at failing to land the big prize, Cartwright paid tribute to the efforts of his team ... and promised a sweeping revolution of youth football in this country.

"The lads worked hard all through and I could not really have asked for much more from them," he said.

But Cartwright was realistic enough to accept that we still have some way to go to establish ourselves as a real world power again. And all his efforts will be poured into helping us to achieve this.

"I want to become the most respected youth coach in the world and I want to create a team

that will be the scourge of Europe in three years," he declared boldly.

"There were lessons to be learned from the trip to Austria and if we heed them we will all become better professionals for it.

"We have got to make winning an obsession, not a bonus. We have got to want to win as badly on the international stage as we do on League grounds up and down the country.

"I want players who are physically and mentally equipped to take on anyone in the world. I want them to have so much skill they treat the ball like their favourite girlfriend.

"Instead of knocking hell out of it I want to see them caressing it, treating it with love and care.

"In the next few weeks I will be having a long chat with Ron Greenwood, the full England boss, to find out exactly how much scope my new job offers.

"The fact that I was part-time for six months before my full-time appointment made it impossible to see all candidates for a place in the team.

"I could not get up and down the country watching players, for my first duty was to my club, Crystal Palace.

"It's different now. I aim to look at ALL prospects. I want to hold regular get-togethers and form a link-up with the schools.

"I intend to spare no effort to put England back on top. You can say that has become an obsession with me and I'm sure we can do it."

Cartwright has already proved his pedigree by helping Palace win the F.A. Youth Cup in two successive seasons and producing half the side that won promotion to the First Division.

He knows what he wants — and has a happy knack of getting it. And that can only be good news for those of us with the interests of England football at heart.





'MISSION ACCOMPLISHED'

**RAY
WILKINS**
Writes for you

THREE victories . . . two draws . . . one defeat — that's England's record this summer from the British Championship and tour. The most important result, though, was our 3-0 win in Bulgaria.

It was good to beat Scotland and become British Champions; it was disappointing to lose 4-3 in Austria after such a tremendous comeback. But all our efforts were really geared towards winning the game that mattered most, which we did, convincingly.

Bar a major upset, England will reach the Quarter-Finals of the European Championship in Italy next June. Before we left for Sofia, I said even if we won, the group would still be wide open. I didn't think Denmark would beat our main rivals, Northern Ireland, so well and their 4-0 defeat certainly gives us the edge. If we don't qualify now, we'll have no one to blame but ourselves.

Our victory in the British Championship was just the tonic we needed to put us in the right frame of mind for Bulgaria. We may not have played brilliantly against the Scots — in fact, for much of the first-half we had our backs to the wall — but the 3-1 scoreline was the

most important thing. When England meet Scotland, only the result matters!

We had the same attitude in Bulgaria: our priority was to win. As it turned out, we won in style, playing some controlled soccer.

You had to be in Sofia to appreciate how hot and sticky it was. The traditional British style . . . 100 miles per hour football . . . simply wasn't possible. The only time I'd played in more stifling conditions was in Darwin, Australia, when it was oven-hot.

After the sort of weather we'd been having here at home, most of us had forgotten what it was like to play in such heat!

We started off slowly, but surely, wanting to test Bulgaria. Once Kevin Keegan had given us the lead I never had any doubt we'd win. Once again the Brooking/Keegan combination worked, just as it has against Italy, Northern Ireland and Scotland, to name three instances off the top of my head.

The pair have built up a special understanding. Kevin has said Trevor is the best player he's played with and it's remarkable how they can read each other. Kevin had a similar understanding with John Toshack at Liverpool, which was built up over a long period. Kevin and Trevor seemed to hit it off straight away.

Bulgaria struck the woodwork, but we were always in control and they never seriously threatened us. I was very pleased with the way we kept possession and slowed the game down, the only way to play in such conditions.

I must admit Bulgaria weren't as strong as we'd expected, although I don't want to take anything away from us. The Bulgars kept battling to the end, to their credit.

Three-nil is a satisfying score from an away tie in competitive football. You just don't seem to get many high-scoring games these days, even against smaller countries, so our scoreline in Sofia was excellent. If someone had said to me before I left we would win 3-0, I'd have settled for that!

Understandably, we were all very happy with that win. Our main task had been accomplished and we could now relax a little and enjoy the rest of the tour. Had we lost in Sofia, there would have been a lot of pressure on us. To kick-off with such a fine win was just what we needed.

Ron Greenwood made a lot of changes for the Sweden game, just as he had against Wales at Wembley. He was quoted afterwards as saying perhaps he made TOO many alterations. Maybe . . . but it was inevitable the "new" side would lack cohesion.

I was pleased to see players such as Emlyn Hughes get a game and do so well. Football is a squad game, not just 11 or 12 players, and those like Emlyn, Peter Shilton and Tony Currie have all played their part.

Okay, the match wasn't a classic, even though we had the chances to win. It gave several players the opportunity to keep in the swing of international football, which is important because you never know when they may be needed.

The time to experiment and give

young players a chance is in friendlies. Throwing them in at the deep end — against Bulgaria, for instance — would have been a big mistake.

It was the more accepted team that lined up against Austria, a country who had caught my eye during the 1978 World Cup. I wondered if the absence of goal ace



"Bulgaria (light shirts) weren't as strong as we expected."

"Steve Coppell once again showed his alertness by making it 3-2 against Austria."



Hans Krankl would make them a bit light up-front. You know the answer to that now . . .

England had to show all the character and experience gained under Ron Greenwood to fight back from twice being two goals behind. When we went 2-0 down, I thought to myself: "Unless we pull one back quickly we could be in trouble here."

Thanks to Kevin Keegan's header from Steve Coppell's cross, we were able to reduce the deficit almost straight away.

At half-time we were 3-1 down and while we weren't playing badly, we'd certainly given ourselves a lot to do. It's unfair to put all the blame on the defence for conceding goals, because a team must start defending immediately it loses the ball, which means forwards and midfielders doing their share of defensive work.

We organised ourselves after the break and once again Steve Coppell showed his alertness by making it 3-2 after Koncilia had only half-saved Kevin Keegan's shot.

At 3-2 it was anyone's game and when I scored our equaliser I was so relieved. It was my first-ever goal for England, and what a time to score it! My shot touched an Austrian player on its way to goal, but it didn't make any difference; it would have beaten the 'keeper anyway.

I was confident we could score a memorable victory as we were playing with such zest. We were finding

gaps in the Austrian defence, so it was a sickening blow when Pezzey headed his second goal of the game to win the match. It was a bad goal to give away, not that you can ever give away a *good* goal, but after hauling ourselves "back from the dead", it was unprofessional to allow the big defender a free header at goal.

Still, it was good experience and we learned a lot from a very capable Austria side. Even though the tour ended with a defeat, there is every reason for controlled optimism. We know we're not yet at the very top of the International League, but we're heading in the right direction.

Two defeats in two seasons is reason to face the future with confidence. We have a good team, with several players from the Under-21's pushing hard for promotion.

I was happy with my own form overall. I realise a lot of critical eyes were on me, with the transfer business very much in the news. I tried to forget all that and concentrate on my game; playing with such a great bunch of lads was just the lift I needed after a long, demanding domestic season with Chelsea.

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Y tradition more than anything, players are the big name people of football. Just as in any sport they are the front-liners, the ones in the public eye and the people who receive the praise or abuse of the crowds.

But just as in television programmes when the list of credits goes up on the screen at the end of a show giving all the backroom boys a name-check, I sometimes reckon it would be a good idea for football programmes to list the names of people who are never seen but vital to any club.

It takes a large amount of staff to operate a football club, a veritable army of workers full-time and part-time, who, when added together more than outnumber the playing staff.

And being a full time club — and of course one of the best — Celtic have an efficient backroom bunch.

Everyone knows about the players and directors and manager Billy McNeill and his assistant John Clark, but what about the rest?

For example physio Bob Rooney, who is about to retire, masseur Jimmy Steele, who has one of the

There is groundsman Joe Docherty, odd job man John McLinden, four full-time groundstaff lads, Mary, who washes the strips, and then the army of part-timers, including gate checkers and stewards.

I haven't even mentioned John Kelman, our chief scout, who keeps tabs on his terrific team of spotters throughout the country. They are the envy of every club in Britain.

Then there are car park attendants, programme sellers, ball boys, and lads who clean the terracing after a match.

Get the idea?

Every team needs talent behind it as well as in it and Celtic's squad has been chosen carefully. Everyone of our backroom staff is in constant contact, not just with international players, but with the budding apprentices who are just beginning a career.

All that is good for the spirit of a club and if the spirit is right it will show in action.

Talking of the right spirit, that is something which is missing badly in terms of the future of England v Scotland international matches at Wembley.

Just before I took my family on a dream holiday to Disneyland in Florida, United States, I saw the newspapers were ablaze with stories that the famous age-old match, the oldest confrontation in international football, might be given the boot.

I find that hard to believe.

I go along with SFA president Willie Harkness when he dismisses the suggestions as a "load of hysteria."

He was quoted as being concerned for the good people, who save up to go to Wembley, the good people who follow Scotland all over the world.

"There is no way we will abdicate our responsibility to them because

of some mindless fools," he said. And quite right too.

Sure there are idiots who follow Scotland on the bi-annual visit to London, but there are idiots who follow just about every English League club when they head to the big smoke to play Spurs, Arsenal or Chelsea. And I am sure that none of the London clubs would deny that they have hooligans in their followings.

But no one suggests scrapping the English First Division!

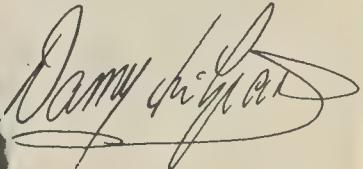
And there would be a few hoteliers and publicans, to say nothing of the people who rake in the gate money at Wembley, who would be upset if Scotland were no longer to visit.

It might help if the game were played mid-week, if there was a ban on banners or if stricter control was exercised by officials. And certainly there must be heavier fines for offences and even prison.

But to stop Wembley ... ridiculous!

I remember both Alan Ball and Bobby Moore calling the Tartan Army the best support in the world. I'll tell you what, they still are.

See you in two weeks.



'Scrap Scotland's Wembley game? RIDICULOUS!'

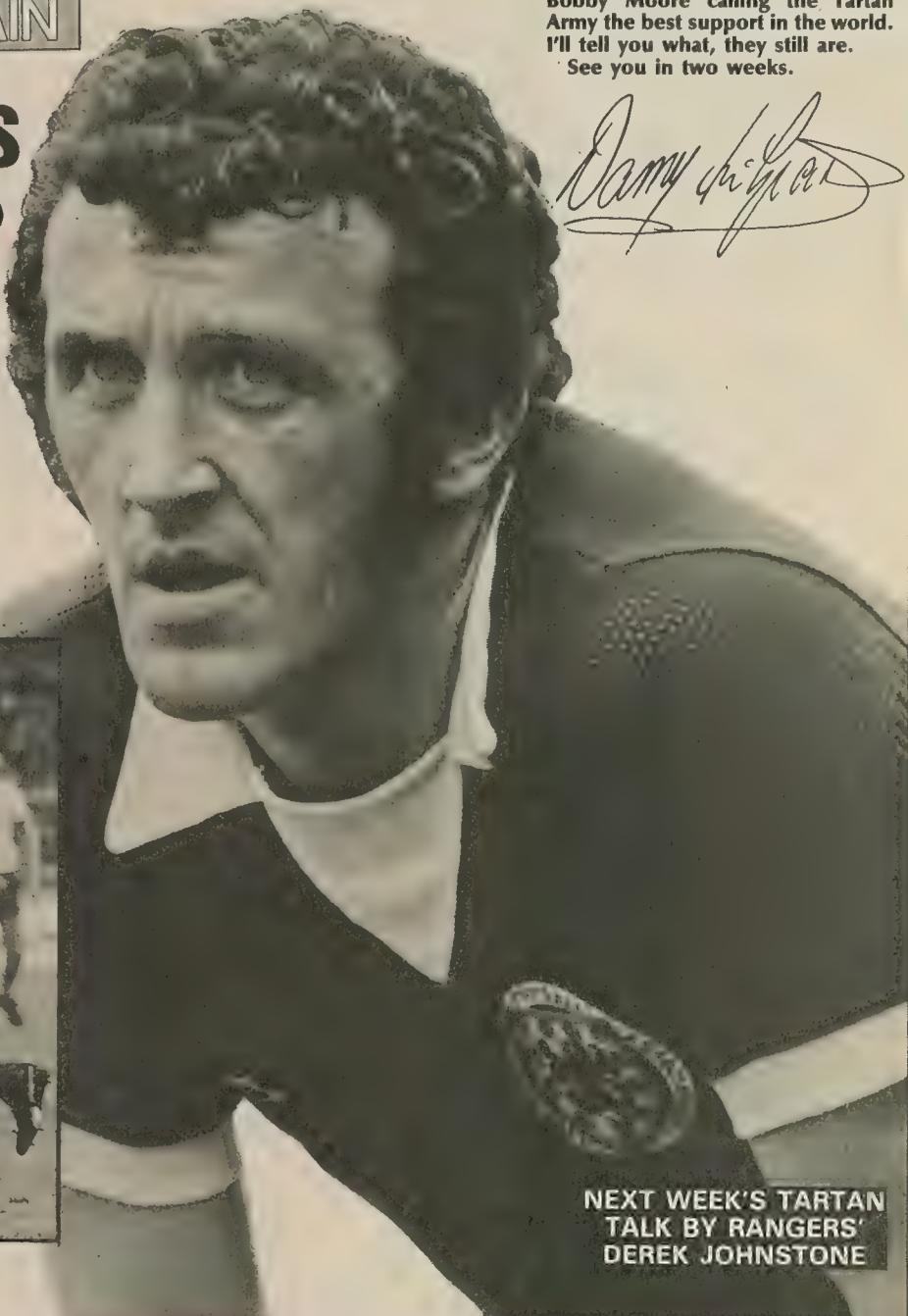
best sense of humour I know, or trainer Neil Mochan.

Then there is reserve team coach Frank Connor, ably assisted by Jim Lumsden, ticket man and former player Jim Kennedy, and receptionist Irene McDonald.

And as it says in the song, we have only just begun.

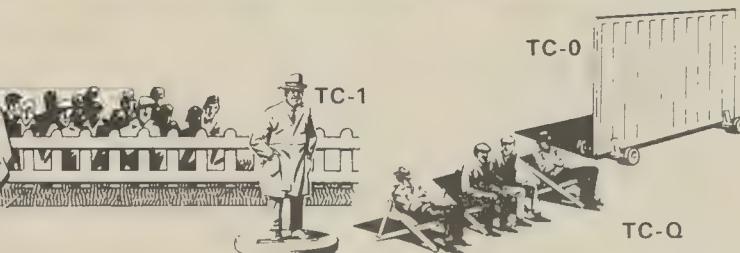
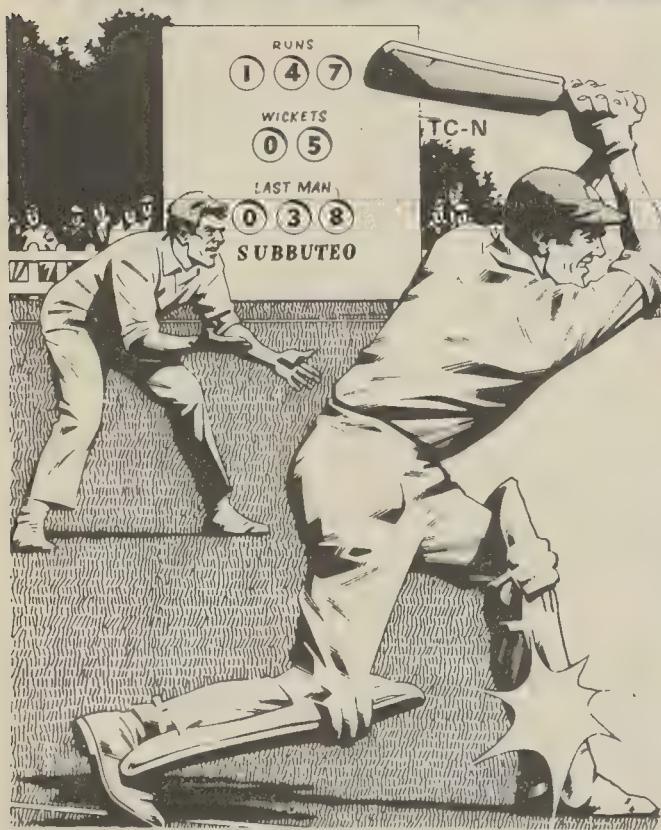


Bob Latchford (England) and Gordon McQueen (Scotland) in action at Wembley during the British Championship decider in May.



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PART SEVEN

Our week-by-week account of the

Week ending FEBRUARY 3

FRANCIS FOR SALE AT £1 MILLION

IT'S happened — and, after weeks of rumour and speculation, Birmingham put "Golden Boy" Trevor Francis up for transfer. And at the anticipated "golden" fee of a cool Million.

And things are stirring, maybe amidst the balance-sheet, at Forest. Clough's always said he'd be prepared to pay that sum if the right man became available — and now it looks as if he'll have a chance to put his money where his mouth is. But there will still be opposition from ambitious Coventry.

Terry Venables' perky Palace lads progress to the Fifth Round of the F.A. Cup in a stormy 3-0 win — both Norman Hunter and Tom Ritchie get their marching-orders — against Bristol City.

And, next evening, the League Cup Finalists are sorted-out.

Southampton get the only goal at The Dell to put out Leeds on a 3-2 aggregate; while a bulging Watford crowd see the local heroes hold Forest to a 0-0 draw. But the 3-1 aggregate is good enough for Clough's men.

Which should all make for an interesting battle of wits at Wembley next month — with rival managers McMenemy and Clough each right up in the top flight of that aspect of the game.

Back to the F.A. Cup — and, though Blackburn may be struggling at the foot of the Second Division, they still cause Liverpool a problem or two in their postponed tie. In fact, only a typical classic goal from Dalglish, in the dying minutes, sees the Anfielders through.

Mike Flanagan, unsettled at Charlton since his extraordinary on-pitch dust-up with team-mate Derek Hales, asks for a transfer.

England's Euro tie with Northern Ireland is fast coming up — and an apparently straight-faced Ron Greenwood talks of his side being the "Underdogs".

ACTION BEHIND-THE-SCENES

THE weather wins again. Only snow fills the terracing in the grounds of the Premier Division teams. Not one game in the top Division is played. Five games, two in the First, and three in the Second go on. The scores are ... First Div. Hamilton 3, Ayr United 0; Kilmarnock 3, St. Johnstone 2. Second Div. Berwick 0, Alloa 1; East Fife 3, Stenhousemuir 0; Stranraer 3, Meadowbank 1.

The vice-chairman at Ibrox, Willie Waddell, comes up with a scheme which he hopes will prevent any trouble amongst the fans travelling to West Germany for the Cologne v. Rangers European Cup Quarter-Final.

He says every ticket application must include the name and the address of the

fan using the ticket and his passport number if fans want to see the game on March 6.

Ibrox manager John Greig, on hearing that his team's game with Motherwell has been called off decides to fly out to Germany to spy on his Continental opponents.

But he hears that game too has been knocked out by the weather. Cold comfort for the Ibrox boss.

Tommy Veitch, recently released by Morton, is signed up by Airdrie. Aberdeen turn down a £40,000 offer from Sheffield Wednesday for their striker Ian Fleming. Although the player is on the transfer list The Dons say no player is leaving Pittodrie until the League Cup is settled.

Trevor Francis (left) is given £1 million price tag. John Greig (above) goes spying for Rangers.



Week ending FEBRUARY 10

EVERTON TOP LIVERPOOL

THE weather doesn't let-up much, and neither does transfer speculation. There are rumours that Dave Sexton could move in sharpish to hand over that million to spike Clough's guns, and take hot-property Trevor Francis instead.

And Spurs' Keith Burkinshaw is ready to pay a sizeable sum for lively Cambridge striker Alan Biley to push his own aggregate spending for the season beyond that seven-figure mark.

Internationals are back — and England kick-off with a none-too-convincing 1-0 Under-21 win over Wales. Despite the English side being studded with the nation's most promising youngsters, it needs one moment of Glenn Hoddle magic to scheme out, and score, the goal which severs the sides.

Next night, at Wembley, the seniors take on Danny Blanchflower's Irishmen in the European Championship and, though all in command, cruise to a 4-0 victory.

But then England have the bonus of a man called Keegan proving just why he's "European Footballer of the Year" — while the normally immaculate Pat Jennings (who traditionally seems to make about two mistakes in a whole season!) has the rare misfortune of gifting England a couple of goals in one evening.

No one can condone the Hales-Flanagan flare-up of last month, but now justice is put right. Charlton had sacked Hales, but also said they'd keep his registration — thus barring him from earning a living in the League without the club getting a fee.

Now, under pressure from both the League and the PFA, Hales is reinstated by Charlton — who now realise you just can't have it both ways — and hopefully the breach will be healed all round.

In the morning, though, some 40-odd people round Nottingham way see perhaps the most astonishing big-time debut of all time.

There for all (few!) to see — as large as life in Forest's "A" team against County

"A" — is none other than the Million-Pound-Man, Trevor Francis.

Ideal is to give Francis a gentle run-out to fitness after his injury problems — but, ironically, it sparks off a minor hoo-hah as it appears he isn't yet technically a Forest player.

Seems the final release papers aren't signed by his old club, Birmingham, until around half-past-three in the afternoon!

By then, the bigger matches are underway to provide new leaders in all but the Third Division.

An Andy King hat-trick against Bristol City sees Everton step over neighbours Liverpool, whose own game is off.

A draw at Palace sees Stoke leapfrog both their opponents and Brighton (beaten at Preston) to the top of the Second; while Aldershot jump ahead of Wimbledon in the Fourth.

At the bottom, it's much the same old story. Birmingham may be getting £1,000,000 for Trevor Francis — but, losing again at home, just eight points from 24 First Division games doesn't offer much hope for the immediate future.

Now the buzz is that they may go for colourful Stan Bowles, latterly a bit out of favour at Q.P.R. to try and help plug the gap.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Leicester.
TOTAL GOALS: 68 (average 2.34 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: 1 — King (Everton v Bristol City).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Everton; Div 2,

Stoke; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Aldershot.

HIGHEST GATE: 46,151 (Man City v Man Utd).

TOTAL GATE: 356,149.

AVERAGE GATE: 12,281.

SUPERSUB WINS IT FOR RANGERS

THREE Premier Division games manage to beat the weather. But Aberdeen v Celtic and Morton v Thistle find themselves out in the cold as the fans trek to their favourite stadiums.

On a freezing cold day Rangers beat Dundee United 1-0.

'Supersub' Robertson, who came on for Watson in the second-half, is the hero of the Ibrox fans, for his goal puts Rangers at the top of the table.

There are angry scenes at Tynecastle before the match with St Mirren. Leaflets are handed out amongst the Hearts supporters calling on them to help oust the board and management.

The result does nothing to alter the minds of the fans. Although Hearts take

the lead through Gibson, goals from Fitzpatrick and Bone take the two points.

But sunnier times are in store for the other side of the Edinburgh double act ... Hibs. They go through to Motherwell, turn on the style, with three goal win.

In mid-week the Scotland v. Belgium game is off. A thick blanket of straw does not save the European Championship match.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 19,000.

PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 31,000.

TOTAL GOALS (3 Divs): 17.

TABLE TOPPERS: Rangers.

HIGHEST SCORE: 3 — Hibs, East Stirlings.



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Week ending FEBRUARY 17

IPSWICH GO DOUBLE-DUTCH

If Tottenham's Argentinians are going to get a game at Wembley in their first season over here, then their club is certainly going about it the hard way!

After all but dropping a clanger to non-League Altrincham, only a very late 3-3 equaliser from sub Chris Jones saves Spurs from a home Cup KO by Wrexham.

And Manchester United make very hard work of a lucky-goal 1-0 defeat of Fulham at Old Trafford.

Most League games, like Cup-ties, fall foul of the midweek weather — but Arsenal's 2-1 win at Q.P.R. sees them up to within a point of Liverpool, who regain their leadership the same night with an uncharacteristically shaky 1-0 win over struggling Birmingham.

Ipswich, already delighted with Arnold Muhren, decide to go Double-Dutch by picking up his former Twente Enschede team-mate Frans Thijssen. In the current context of fees, the £200,000 they pay looks a favourable investment.

The old idea of a midwinter shutdown is again mooted in many quarters — but, as Q.P.R. manager Steve Burtnshaw points out: "We can get bad weather in England any time between December and April . . . so just when do you fix the shutdown?"

And a former Q.P.R. manager, Gordon Jago — now boss of Tampa Bay Rowdies — weighs in with a £650,000 offer to take Charlton's Mike Flanagan to the States.

Give a dog a bad name! Colchester are kept busy with a steady stream of callers asking for refunds on tickets for Saturday's home FA Cup-tie — bought before it was known that the opponents would be Manchester United.

Yet, so far this season, United's fans haven't really been more responsible for hooliganism — which happily, anyway, seems to be a bit on the decrease.

SOCER STILL IN 'DEEP FREEZE'

RANGERS beat Motherwell 3-1 in a Third Round Scottish Cup-tie. Rangers keep their feet and their heads in the tricky conditions and never at any time look like losing.

That is on the Monday night. The blizzards return and football goes back into deep freeze by midweek.

But by the Saturday the "chilling" facts are revealed. Only three games are given the go-ahead by referees . . . two in the Premier Division and one in the First.

At Cappielow, Morton and Partick Thistle draw 1-0.

A goal by Frank McGarvey gives St Mirren victory in their home match with Motherwell. St. Mirren are now on the same points as Rangers but the Ibrox club has a game in hand.

Comes Saturday, though, and that tie isn't even played. Neither is any other — and, for the first time in its 107-year history, a complete F.A. Cup round is wiped-out on its original date by the weather.

In fact, only four English games are played all told — and Everton doubtless think that's one too many! For a decisive 3-0 defeat at Southampton thwarts their immediate hopes of topping the First Division.

There are no goals in the table-topping Second Division clash between Brighton and Palace — but the home side's point sees them jumping over their London rivals, and the day's top crowd are rewarded for braving the icy cold by seeing a pulsating end-to-end tussle.

Somewhat fewer see the hastily-arranged local derby friendly between Birmingham and West Bromwich — for, rather than shiver at home and watch the groan-and-grunt boys on Saturday afternoon telly, the two teams surprisingly fly to the now unusual sight of the green, green grass of Guernsey.

They play out a hard-fought 1-1 draw which gives the Channel Islanders a rare view of top-class players in action.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 3 — Southampton.
TOTAL GOALS: 11 (average 2.75 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: None.

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Brighton; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Wimbleton.

HIGHEST GATE: 23,795 (Brighton v Palace).

TOTAL GATE: 66,994.

AVERAGE GATE: 16,748.

Week ending FEBRUARY 24

WORLD RECORD FEE FOR PARKES

ON West Ham's books is Bobby Ferguson, bought from Kilmarnock a decade ago for £65,000 — then a record fee for a goalkeeper.

Now, to boost their promotion bid, The Hammers splash out £565,000 — another, and updated, world record for a 'keeper — to bag Q.P.R.'s Phil Parkes in one of the shock transfers of the season.

A saddened Steve Burtnshaw — whose own club is in dire danger of a move in the opposite direction — admits he was dead against the Upton Parkes deal. But then, of course, poor old Steve is only the manager!

There should have been another whopping London deal, for Charlton had finally agreed to a £700,000 fee from Tampa Bay Rowdies for their talented striker Mike Flanagan.

But it seems Flanagan wants to go Stateside to the New England Tea Men instead — so he walks out. What sympathy he had in his earlier troubles is rapidly fading — and the curt PFA advice is "Get back to work under your contract until things can be properly sorted out."

This far, anyway, it's been a bit of an up-and-down season for Manchester United. and it takes 86 minutes for Jim to fix it against Colchester when Greenhoff swoops in.

But, maybe more on reputation than present unpredictable form, the bookies start shortening the odds on United reaching Wembley.

Spurs are also still Cup-battling the hard way — but, even though it needs extra-time, they do manage to overcome fighting Wrexham 3-2.

Chris Jones who, as sub, got the face-saving equaliser in the original tie, has a full game this time — and celebrates by getting all three goals.

And in the League, on the same night, Liverpool "go mad" with a super-show 6-0 crushing of Norwich just to rub in the fact

that, if any team can beat them to the title, they'll certainly have deserved it. Dalglish gets two of the goals, and has a decisive say in three more.

There's a big shock on the Saturday — only one English game is postponed! And, unaccustomed as they are to such weather, Liverpool's three main challengers — Arsenal, Everton, and West Bromwich — provide more shocks by all losing at home.

Liverpool win (surprise, surprise) at Derby, and so Paisley's men are now five points clear — and with the advantage of two games in hand over their nearest rivals.

Though ten points behind, and seemingly out of the hunt, Forest beat Bristol City 2-0. They were already that much ahead when they brought on their sub for the last quarter of an hour — Million-Pound Man Trevor Francis!

Hat-tricks nowadays are pretty few and far between, anyway — the more so, away from home. So all credit to a Saturday hat-trick of "away" hat-trickers — Gary Rowell (for Sunderland in the local derby at Newcastle); Alan Mayes (for Swindon at Rotherham); and Les Bradd (for Stockport at Barnsley).

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST SCORE: 5 — Reading.
TOTAL GOALS: 101 (average 2.40 per game).

HAT-TRICKS: 3 — Rowell (Sunderland at Newcastle); Mayes (Swindon at Rotherham); Bradd (Stockport at Barnsley).

TABLE-TOPPERS: Div 1, Liverpool; Div 2, Brighton; Div 3, Watford; Div 4, Reading.

HIGHEST GATE: 44,437 (Man Utd v Villa).

TOTAL GATE: 549,816.

AVERAGE GATE: 13,091.

ENGLAND STAR HELPS IBROX BOSS

IN a tremendous game at Tynecastle Hearts shrug off their troubles and leave Rangers with the woes as they chalk up a 3-2 win over what were the top dogs in the Championship flag race.

Aberdeen, visiting Paisley, shock St Mirren with two goals — against the run of play.

But McGarvey puts Saints back into the picture with a fine lob. The game then turns red-hot and two Dons players are ordered off. Copland smartly gives Saints the equalizer.

In the game at Easter Road, Hibs draw 1-1 with Morton.

Partick, on Scottish Cup business beat Airdrie 3-0. And Celtic are once again without a game when this time their trip to Dundee to meet United is called off.

A phone call to Kevin Keegan and a spy trip to Germany are part of the week for

Rangers boss John Greig. He says the England and Hamburger S.V. striker gave him some "valuable information."

Says Greig: "Kevin has played against Cologne and he filled me in on the details."

Greig also places Derek Parlane on the transfer list. The 25-year-old, signed from amateurs Queen's Park, has not been in the first team on a regular basis and now says he wants a move to get back into first team football.

★ SATURDAY SUMMARY ★

HIGHEST GATE: 14,000.

PREM DIV TOTAL ATT: 27,000.

TOTAL GOALS: 46.

TABLE TOPPERS: St Mirren.

HIGHEST SCORE: 6 — Stranraer.



Frans Thijssen signs for Ipswich, witnessed by manager Bobby Robson and fellow Dutchman Muhren (left). HANDsome new Hammer Phil Parkes (above). Keegan (right) helps Rangers.



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A PLAYER's international qualification used to depend solely on where he was born. No longer does this principle apply. Modern football is filled with examples of footballers with dual, and even triple, national claims.

These are men who qualify for international duty on the birth-places of their parents, or in some instances their grandparents.

Most recent and spectacular example came this year when Wolves' centre-back George Berry was selected for Wales for their European Championship game against West Germany, on May 2nd.

George had been born on an RAF base in West Germany, the son of a Jamaican father and a Welsh mother, whose father happened to be Scottish!

Berry became only the second coloured player to appear in a Welsh shirt, 48 years after his predecessor — Bradford Park

Avenue's Eddie Parris, yet at least he had a strong Welsh connection.

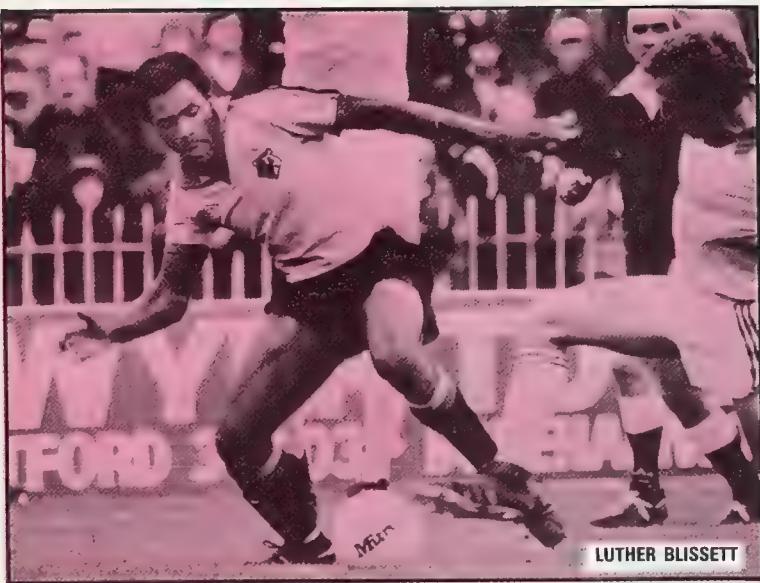
Most of his mother's family still live in the Pontypridd area of South Glamorgan and George claims that Wales is like second home for him, which is more than can be said for Republic of Ireland international Austin Hayes.

The diminutive Southampton striker, born deep in the heart of London's Hammersmith area, never even crossed the Irish Sea before receiving the call-up from Johnny Giles, manager of the Republic of Ireland, for the game against Denmark in May.

Yet it didn't take him long to decide he was an Irishman and to uphold the honour of his Limerick-born parents.

Indeed the Republic of Ireland squad this season has been something of a collection of "instant" internationals.

No fewer than seven of the players who have worn the green shirt



LUTHER BLISSETT

STARS BORN TO SUCCEED

qualify on their parents' nationalities.

Goalkeepers Mick Kearns and Gerry Peyton are both English-born, as are outfield players Tony Greasham, Mark Lawrenson, David O'Leary and Mickey Walsh.

The influx of second-generation West Indians into the game has added a great deal of interest to the international scene, and there are now many young coloured players following in the footsteps of Wolves defender Bob Hazell, the first to represent England at any level.

His first appearance in an England shirt was at youth level, since then he has graduated to both the Under-21 and 'B' teams, despite his Jamaican upbringing.

Another Jamaican currently

making inroads into the England international scene is Watford's Luther Blissett, who turned down the chance to play for Wales before appearing in an England Under-21 shirt.

Yet perhaps the most amazing international credentials belong to the two men currently at the centre of Northern Ireland's defence.

Jimmy and Chris Nicholl are cousins whose Irish parents have made them as proud to be Ulstermen as any man born there, but in truth they were born many thousands of miles apart.

Chris Nicholl, the former Luton and Aston Villa centre-half now with Southampton, was born in Wilmslow in Cheshire. He was even considered to be in the reckoning for an England call-up before deciding to accept a request to play for Northern Ireland from Terry Neill, now Arsenal's manager, then international manager.

Within a year Chris found himself playing alongside cousin Jimmy who, despite spending most of his life in Belfast was born in Hamilton. Not the Hamilton in Scotland, but Hamilton in Canada!

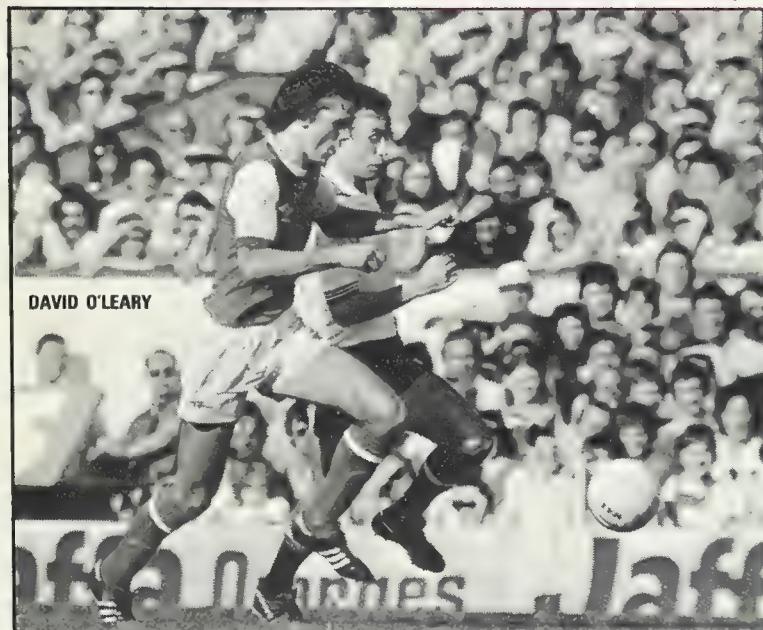
These are just some of the many "instant" internationals to have worn the badge of their adopted nations. Scotland goalkeeper David Harvey is another, as is Northern Ireland full-back Peter Scott.

Bruce Rioch, Scotland's captain in the 1978 World Cup, was born in Aldershot, and former London favourites Bob Wilson, John Dempsey and Terry Mancini were also outsiders.

The international with the greatest pedigree of them all must surely be former Charlton and Bolton Wanderers goalkeeper Charlie Wright. A Glaswegian, who started his career with Morton and Rangers, he represented Hong Kong in his National Service days.



JIMMY NICHOLL



DAVID O'LEARY



GEORGE BERRY



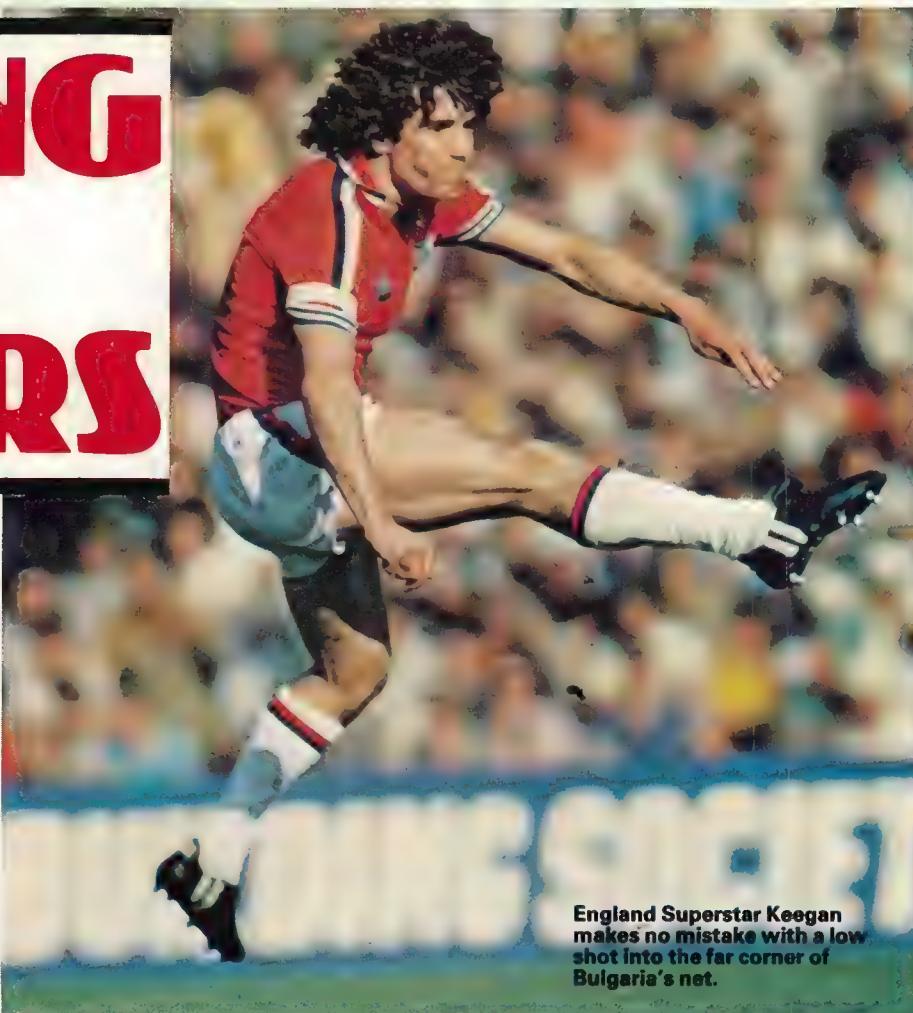
CHRIS NICHOLL



Trevor Brooking makes one of his typical defence-splitting runs to lay on England's opening goal for Kevin Keegan.

BASHING THE BULGARS

ENGLAND's best away result for years — a fine 3-0 win in Bulgaria — makes them hot favourites to reach the European Championship Finals in Italy next June from Group One. In stifling heat, England continued their long unbeaten run under Ron Greenwood and with a little more luck, and better finishing, could have scored five. People are still quick to criticise England and it's true they aren't world-beaters yet. But the present team is the best they've had for years. It's exciting and successful ... so credit where it's due.



England Superstar Keegan makes no mistake with a low shot into the far corner of Bulgaria's net.



Bob Latchford has his critics, but they often overlook the unselfish running of the Everton striker and the space he creates for his team-mates.



Steve Coppell, a model of consistency during England's summer games, put on another fine performance in Sofia.

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GUNNING FOR GOALS

WREXHAM'S first season in the Second Division was a difficult one — but Dixie McNeil, the Welsh club's dangerous striker, is confident that things can only get better at the Racecourse Ground.

Says Dixie: "We hardly fielded the same side for two games in a row last season, and although it's easy to blame injuries for lack of success in the League, Wrexham had more than their share. For example, five of our players, including myself, have undergone operations during the last few months.

"The players who spent time in hospital were Alan Dwyer, Steve Kenworthy, Graham Whittle and Mick Evans, after I'd had surgery on my foot. The tendons in my heel were damaged at the time of our F.A. Cup matches against Blyth in the winter, and eventually I needed treatment in the last close season.

"Unfortunately, I didn't recover in time to take part in our intensive pre-season training routine, and when I did turn out for Wrexham again, I lacked match practice. Later, after a few games, my timing was off, and I went through one of those lean patches that all strikers go through at one time or another.

"At the same time, my two partners up-front, Graham Whittle and Bobby Shinton, were also out of luck with their finishing, and we were finding goals hard to come by."

Wrexham, who won the Third Division Championship in style in 1977-78, scored 78 goals in that campaign, more than any other side in their League. But last season, McNeil and his colleagues

encountered better-organised defences.

"As expected, the players in the Second Division were better than those in the Third," explains Dixie. "Chances had to be put away quickly, especially against promotion teams such as Crystal Palace and Brighton. And with our side being changed round so frequently, even though the lads who came in did well, we weren't operating as smoothly as we did a year earlier.

"But we've still got plenty to play for. Our appearance in the Welsh Cup Final gave us a chance to compete in Europe again, and looking back, there was a period before the bad weather started during which we were in a satisfactory position sixth or seventh from top. Also, the last few months in the Second Division gave us the experience which will benefit us next term.

"When Wrexham gained promotion, it was one of the two best occasions of my career. The other was with Hereford in 1977. But disappointment came with Hereford being relegated the following season, before I left them to join Wrexham."

McNeil was a key goal-getter with Wrexham during their F.A. Cup run of 1978, which took them to the Sixth Round and defeat by Arsenal, destroying Dixie's dream of going on to Wembley with a Third Division club.

"We all thought it was going to be our year, that Wrexham could create history by reaching the Final. But I still have my ambitions — next season I'm hoping for a good start by us with few injuries, and more goals for myself."

SHREWSBURY Town, the club which caught the Third Division by surprise, is good enough to hold — and improve on — its first promotion into football's top company. That is the view of Jimmy Lindsay (below, right) the one player at Gay Meadow who has seen it all before.

Three years ago, Lindsay was a member of the Hereford team which completed one of the most spectacular climbs in Football League history by reaching the Second Division as Champions — the status that Shrewsbury enjoy at this moment.

Hereford was never quite the same again. The club dived straight back into the Third and tumbled the following season into the Fourth... but Lindsay, who moved 50 miles "up the road" to join rivals Shrewsbury for £25,000, is convinced he will not witness a repeat performance.

"Let's begin at the best of all

well in the Second as he did in the Third, he must go close to a Scottish Under-21 cap," predicts Lindsay.

If an Achilles tendon injury prevents the 31-year-old Turner from playing consistently in midfield next season, there is an 18-year-old deputy of outstanding talent who played brilliantly last term — Steve Cross.

Shrewsbury may lack players of Second Division expertise because only Lindsay, David Tong and goalkeeper Ken Mulhearn have competed in football above the Third and Fourth Division — but Lindsay firmly believes that the youth, talent and efficient organisation of Shrewsbury will more than make up for that.

"No fears about our ability; no apprehensions about matching up to the standards of the Second Division. I know Shrewsbury are there to stay," confirms Turner. He mirrors the side he has guided to an historic breakthrough — at 31,

NO GOING BACK FOR SHREWSBURY

starting points: our defence. We conceded fewer goals than any other side in the Third Division. We were 'caught' just twice last season — when Blackpool scored five against us and Bury three.

"For both of those games, however, we were without our skipper Jake King at right-back and that made a big difference."

The strength of Shrewsbury's defensive command is admitted by Swansea City's player John Toshack whose side followed Shrewsbury and Watford into the Second Division.

"They were the best organised side we came across," admits 'Tosh' after dropping three points out of four.

"Yes, I'm certain that our defence is just too good to crack in the higher standards we will face in the Second," continues Lindsay. "Our Cup football makes that point. In the F.A. Cup, we beat Cambridge and Manchester City and drew against Wolves at Molineux. Having said that, we will need to score more goals."

Player-manager Graham Turner, who takes so much of the credit for taking Shrewsbury to their first ever Second Division place after 29 years of League membership, re-inforced his attack by paying £40,000 to buy Trevor Birch from Liverpool's Central League side to work in partnership with Maguire and Steve Biggins. And that front line, in Lindsay's view, can only get better and better.

"They are young and all growing up together. In fact, that is one of the great differences between this Shrewsbury side and the Hereford one of 1976-77. At Gay Meadow, it seems that we have veterans of 21 and 22.

"For instance, Colin Griffin has played something like 150 first team games at 21; Ian Atkins, at the same age, is on the 200 mark; Jack Keay, at 18, is approaching his century — and if he plays as



one of the youngest managers in football and also without playing experience beyond the Third Division.

"People should realise there was nothing lucky about our Championship win. We've worked very hard at it. In fact, we are a well run business," he points out.

"There wasn't any luck, in terms of playing a settled side week after week without an injury problem in sight. We had our share of problems but we overcame them."

Now Turner, his directors and his team wait to see how the public of Shrewsbury will respond to the challenge of supporting a Second Division club. In their first games of last season, Shrewsbury were playing to crowds of under 3,000: they finished with enthusiastic support of over 14,000. "That is the kind of backing we want behind us from the start of the new season," says Turner.

SOCCER'S SADDEST CITY...

Nothing like a cuppa at half-time. Wednesday's manager Jack Charlton talks tactics across the steaming brew with Denis Leman.

No one at either Sheffield Wednesday or Sheffield United are happy with the situation.

The old rivalry between Wednesday and United will remain as sharp as ever next season, but the fourth largest city in the country is fed up with the 'third class' tag its soccer has been given.

The embarrassment is more acute for the Sheffields than it would be for others because their forefathers drew up the first set of football rules more than 120 years ago. Then, when its industrial workers won the right to Saturday afternoon relaxation away from the steel industry, they flocked in their thousands to support the new game.

Last season was the saddest in the city's football history. It started with the highest expectations. At the Wednesday club they felt everything would be comfortable in the hands of Jack Charlton. As it turned out, they nearly slipped into the Fourth Division.

Across the city a new era was heralded for United. Harry Haslam was signing new players, including the silky skills of Argentinian Alex Sabella.

United were relegated — dropping in to the Third Division for the first time in their 87 years history. Those are the grim facts that

cannot be denied. But the more one looks beyond the current apparent plight the more that hopeful factors emerge.

Irrespective of the League they will be playing in next year the clubs still have First Division organisations and aspirations.

At Wednesday the supporters clamoured for a big-name manager. The directors got him, Jack Charlton. Against Everton in the League Cup and Arsenal in the F.A. Cup his team played superbly, but a series of major injuries to key players destroyed the League programme.

Next season could be different. Charlton will start with the strongest squad since he took over and with money to buy two quality players.

Renowned internationally for his TV 'Positive Soccer' series, Charlton was satisfied with the fruition of the coaching of the young players at Wednesday. The Central League side finished the season with eleven consecutive victories.

After the last game of the season in which Wednesday's first team went down 2-3 to Hull City, captain Ian Porterfield, who had a tremendous campaign, spoke about the team's attitude to next season.

"All the local derbies we are

going to have in this area could be just the spur we need. Our supporters are second to none and the determination you get in derby matches should go in our favour.

"It's been difficult for the boss since he came here but it could come all right next season."

Porterfield was voted Wednesday's 'Player of the Year' and Charlton capped one of his finest seasons by appointing him Player-Coach for next season.

Porterfield said: "We feel things are beginning to take shape. We need a good start."

Leaving the Wednesday ground after scoring his 25th goal of the season for Hull was Keith Edwards, the ex-Sheffield United striker. Sold by Harry Haslam because the bankers were knocking on the door, Keith felt no joy in the situation. "I have been glad to knock in the goals... to prove a point. I am as ambitious as the next player. I want to play in the highest League and I would like to join up again with Sheffield United when they are in the First Division. I'm a Sheffields and the last thing I wanted was to see United relegated."

Over at United their 'Player of the Year' — Tony Kenworthy — agreed with Keith Edwards about his club's chances.

"One thing is certain," Kenworthy added, "we are not going to kick our way out. As the boss says, the pitch is the same, the goals are the same, it's the same club and we are the same people, so we will play the same football at Bramall Lane. It never hit anyone that we would be relegated until the end... and even now I think we are better than quite a few of the teams in the Second Division if not them all!"

"Why we folded in some games I don't know. We were all in high spirits going on to the pitch but then inexplicably something overtook us. Still we will get our chins

that is Sheffield, now facing its first season with both clubs in the Third Division.

up for next season. As far as I am concerned a freak situation sent us down... we couldn't field a settled side. The fortune of the club was in the hands of the players and we didn't stop the slide. But we are Sheffield United players and the lads will want to stay together to get the club back where it belongs!"

Sheffield United were applauded when they appointed Harry Haslam, recognised as one of the most astute transfer market dealers in football. For £160,000 he got Alex Sabella. Leeds, who took Mick Jones and Tony Currie from United are just one of the clubs showing hungry interest in the talented Argentinian and will be prepared to pay big money.

It was Haslam's initiative that enabled Spurs to sign Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa. Now there is a lot of talk about the Argentinian Diego Maradona being the finest player in football today. But the first news of Maradona was carried back to these shores by Haslam a year ago when he said "Maradona is the best player I've ever seen, and he must be the best in the world."

It has been cruel therefore that talent-spotter Haslam, after being so active in the transfer business to reorganise United, could never field an unchanged side for more than three games throughout the entire season.

A monotonous chain of injuries to players crippled his team plans. In League status he appears to be a failure, but when you evaluate the present squad with the one he inherited it can be seen that he will be highly regarded by the bankers.

"I have got the nucleus of a side to build on," Haslam says. "People know this and will expect quick results but it will depend upon how the players play together. We've proved that players of ability will come to Sheffield United and we know that the supporters will come if we are successful."

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COMMENTATORS covering Holland could be in for problems. Against Argentina, for instance, two Jan Peters played. One plays for AZ '67 (remember him from England/Holland at Wembley?) and the other plays for Feyenoord.

OFFER ACCEPTED

AFTER leading AC Milan to their tenth Championship Nils Liedholm (below) was offered a new one-year contract at the highest fee Milan have ever paid. But Liedholm said he had worked since he was 12-years-old and preferred security. One of his old clubs, AS Roma, have a new president, Signor Dino Viola, an admirer of the Swede during his previous stint with the club and he promptly offered Liedholm a three-year contract at £80,000 a year, which was eagerly accepted.



The hardest shot in the world?

A WHILE ago, the Germans rigged up some electronic equipment and proved that Rainer Bonhof strikes free-kicks at a speed of just over 80 miles per hour. But our correspondent in Spain claims to have found the man who can beat Bonhof's shooting power boots-down.

He's an Argentinian international, but a complete unknown to the average British fan. His name is Hector Scotta (left) and he plays alongside Argentina's World Cup winger Daniel Bertoni for Spanish club Sevilla.

"If you asked me to stand in a wall when Scotta's taking a free-kick," says our correspondent, "I'd insist on an armoured truck for protection."

As far as Gringo (Scotta's nickname) knows, no one has ever done an electronic test on his free-kicks... "but it sounds like an interesting challenge," he comments.

"There isn't really a secret to my shooting. People were always asking that in Argentina. Maybe it's a natural gift. I've never done anything special to develop my power. I don't practise much in training, perhaps just five minutes after a usual session.

"Mind you, I find it difficult to

get volunteer goalkeepers!

"I've never broken a post or anything like that, although I've damaged a few opponents. Lots of times a shot or free-kick has hit someone and they've gone out like a light. It must be painful if one of my shots hits the more delicate parts of the body. One or two people have had to be stretchered off."

Scotta isn't just a hard shot — he's also accurate and in 1975 broke the Argentinian goal-record by scoring 60 goals in a season.

"That was phenomenal. I was

playing for San Lorenzo and the team was bottom-but-one in the League. We decided to do something about it and I worked really hard. Sixty goals were my reward.

"Football in Spain is more defensive, but I've been Sevilla's top scorer since I arrived in 1976."

Scotta was a regular in César Menotti's Argentina side until his "defection".

"Yes, I was doing quite well and scoring a few goals, but you can never tell if I'd still have been in the team in 1978," he says realistically but with a little regret.



A Scotta free-kick breaks the Paraguay wall.

WORLD WIDE

COMPILED BY CHRIS DAVIES

ONE of Chile's top stars, Carlos Caszely, has settled back into the Chilean League after his five-year spell in Spain. The 28-year-old striker was top scorer in Colo Colo's early-season sprint to the top of the League,

News flashes

IFK GÖTEBORG celebrated their 75th anniversary by winning the Swedish F.A. Cup for the first time. They thrashed Avidabergs FF, 6-1, in the Final, with Ralf Edström — on his way back after two injury-filled years — scoring once.

LEGIA Warsaw have just played their 1,000th Polish First Division match. Only two other clubs, Wisla Krakow and Ruch Chorzow had previously played 1,000.

NEW Russian Leagues leaders Schjachtor Danezk attracted a surprising 42,000 capacity crowd for the visit of Moscow Dynamo... and won 2-0.

TO celebrate winning the Italian Championship, AC Milan were offered a friendly by neighbours Inter, but that was turned down because it was feared local rivalry might lead to incidents. Milan invited Bayern Munich instead, won 2-0 and pulled in a 76,000 crowd, which is capacity while San Siro is being rebuilt.

IN a training game, Finland's national team were beaten 3-1 away to AIK Stockholm.

DEPORTIVO Cuenca rapidly built a four-point lead over their nearest rivals in Ecuador, taking 15 points from their first nine games.

HELENIO HERRERA, aged 63, became technical director of Italian Second Division club Rimini for their last eight games to try and save them from relegation. He signed a contract worth £12,500 which works out at around £1,500 a game. Rimini picked up only five points from these games and Rimini chairman Signor Cavallerie is alleged to have told the Press: "This man is only a clown."

IFC KAISERSLAUTERN have just played three games with four different captains. Captain Klaus Toppmöller was sent-off against Arminia, and against Bayern, goalkeeper Ronnie Hellström wore the spiffiest armband. The next match was a friendly against FC Differen and Hans Riedl was captain with Hellström giving

time to reserve keeper Josef Stabel. Riedl was substituted at half-time in the friendly and in the second-half Reinhard Meier was skipper, before Hellström returned for the captaincy against Borussia Mönchengladbach. Four captains in three games could be some kind of record.

NOT everyone in the massive crowds that turned out to greet the Barcelona team after their Cup-Winners' Cup victory was a soccer fan. One of them took advantage of the surging crowds to swipe Miquel's wallet!

1. FC COLOGNE have put out feelers for two Dutch stars, Rene Van der Kerkhof of PSV and Pierre Vermeulen of Roda JC. They are prepared to offer in part exchange their Japanese international striker Okudera.

FIGUEROA, the Palestino (Chile) centre-back, has stated that it is possible his team were drugged before their match against Olimpia of Paraguay. He went on to say that he felt something was put in their coffee before the match because several other Chilean players felt drowsy.



HENNES Weisweiler (above, left) and his Cologne assistant Hennes Lohr (right) sat on two chairs right on the touchline for the Cologne-Mönchengladbach game, while BMG's Lattek sat in the dug-out beyond the athletics track. Weisweiler was clearly shouting to his team and several times got up and walked down the line to talk to players. The result was a 1-1 draw, and after being warned several times, H.W. got a red card after 85 minutes... and then went to sit in the dug-out.

IN Argentina a player was one of the people injured during a serious crowd disturbance at the Benfica v El Porvenir match in the Second Division (they call it First Division B) of the Metropolitan Championship. Trouble broke out in the crowd and several people were knifed, including one of the

WE occasionally see dogs running on to our pitches, but fans at the Schalke 04/MSV Duisburg game had a shock when a police dog broke free from its handler to invade the field. Thankfully, it was still muzzled.



REAL win title by losing

IN SPAIN, Real Madrid won their 19th League title . . . by losing 2-1 to Sevilla! The only team who could catch Real were Sporting Gijón, and they handed "The Meringues" the title by amazingly drawing 2-2 at home with relegation-haunted Celta. The latter were overjoyed at their point, which gave the Vigo club a good chance of avoiding relegation at the expense of Rayo Vallecano.

Poor Rayo needed two points from their home game against Barcelona to have a

good chance of survival, but Carrasco put the visitors ahead after 22 minutes.

Manolo Clares took revenge on his former club just after the break by equalising for Rayo, and it looked like a happy ending for the Madrid club when they were awarded a penalty, seven minutes from time. But Landaburro shot weakly; so weakly, in fact that Artola saved without difficulty; and Rayo became firm favourites to join Huelva and Santander in the drop to Division Two.

but he then had his shin broken during Colo Colo's match against Universitario. This means he'll be out of action for four months and will miss the Chilean national team's South American Championship campaign.

FRIEDRICH Koncilia, Austria's World Cup goalkeeper, has signed for Anderlecht. Meanwhile, still in Belgium, goalkeeper Fred Hormans of AA Gent was sent-off after just 45 seconds for retaliation.

Porvenir substitutes who had leapt off the bench to join in.

IN Peru the crisis continues. The latest event in a season fraught with problems is a strike by First Division referees which threatened to paralyse the League programme. The match officials receive a fee of just over £30 per match at the moment, and they're insisting on £50.

IN the first week in July, Bayern Munich fly to the USA to meet the Cosmos, who have their former star Franz Beckenbauer under contract. ABR, a Munich travel bureau are advertising a trip to see the game. With a seat thrown in, the party leaves on June 30th and returns on July 6th for only £249.

FK RIJEKA won the Yugoslav FA Cup beating Partizan 2-1 at home and drawing 0-0 away.

RED BOYS of Differdange have won the Cup in Luxembourg beating Aris Bonneweg 4-1 after extra-time.

HAMBURGER SV have received the green light from MSV Duisburg for the transfer of 25-year-old defender Dietmar Jakobs for £230,000.

BFC DYNAMO BERLIN lost their unbeaten record in the East German Cup Final when they lost 1-0 after extra-time to FC Magdeburg. A fortnight later, in a round of mid-week matches, they lost their unbeaten League record at the 23rd hurdle . . . 1-0 away to Magdeburg.

AFTER beating East Germany 2-1 in Bagdad, Iraq then won the fifth Arabian Gulf

Cup, beating Saudi Arabia 2-0 in the Final.

THE Danish FA are introducing dope tests to conform with other sports in the country. Anyone found using stimulants will be suspended for 18 months.

WHEN St.-Etienne beat Strasbourg 2-0, they were watched by a crowd of more than 38,000. But the same day the other nine French First Division matches averaged only 5,000.

I LOVE the quote by Josef Beza, coach of Russian side Arawat Erewan . . . "We do not play defensively, but our young players don't have enough experience to attack."

THE Dutch Players' Union have passed a resolution calling for a 36-hour-week for full-time professionals, and a 22-hour-week for part-timers, spread over five days only.

UNFASHIONABLE Lokomotive Kosice beat holders Banik Ostrava 2-1 to win the Czech F.A. Cup.

AUSTRIA'S SK Rapid are talking with Viennese businessman Josef Draxler about him becoming their new chairman. The club needs money and they want Herr Draxler to cough up 1 million Austrian Schillings per year.

DERBY COUNTY are interested in Finland's top scorer last season, Atik Ismael of Champions HJK Helsinki, who scored Finland's winning goal in their 2-1 success over Hungary.

DUTCH winger Johnny Rep has left Bastia to sign a three-year contract with Saint-Etienne. Nancy's Michel Platini has also joined the French club.

End of the road for Rensenbrink?

IN Holland's recent World Cup "revenge" game against Argentina, a newcomer in the orange shirt caught the eye — left-winger Tahamata, whose thrilling high-speed dribbling gave Argentine full-back Olgua a rough passage. Tahamata's success could mean the end of the road for Rob Rensenbrink, the previous automatic choice for the Dutch number 11 shirt, and almost a legend in his own time.

"Well, I am 32 now, and sooner or later I have got to be replaced by a younger man. But I'm not finished yet, and I'd certainly like to represent Holland in next year's European Championship Finals in Italy. I think that could mark the end of the Dutch team as we know it.

"Then Holland will have to turn the page and start building a new team with the 1982 World Cup in mind. In a way, I'm lucky to have had such a long run in the national team. In Holland we seem to produce a fair number of defenders, midfielders and central strikers, but we've always been a bit thin on left-wingers. That's why I've held on to my place until the age of 32, I think."

The Dutch superstar, who's won just about every conceivable honour at club level and has played in two consecutive World Cup Finals, is perhaps a little over-confident in predicting that Holland will qualify for next year's European Championship. They're in the toughest group, along with Poland and East Germany, and many people feel we've already seen the best of the great Dutch side. Certainly recent results against West Germany, Italy and Poland don't augur well for their chances . . .

"I suppose that's true, but remember we had a lot of important absences for those games. You know, Holland have been at the very top in Europe for a long time now, and it's inevitable that we turn in the odd poor performance, particularly in friendly matches with nothing very

much at stake. But I promise you we'll be in Italy for the Finals next year — and what's more, we'll be hard to beat."

Holland's performance in the 1978 World Cup had already been a great surprise for the pundits, who'd predicted that the Dutch would do little without the genius of Johan Cruyff.

"Obviously the 'new' Holland team has to work in a different way from Johan's team. He was the basis of the team's style of play and he played a 'false centre-forward' role. The current team plays with genuine central strikers, such as Nanninga, Geels or Kist, and this means a re-adjustment of roles up-front and in midfield. We could easily have won the World Cup, even without Cruyff, and I'm still smarting about losing to Argentina in the Final. I think we made a bad mistake by trying to overpower them physically."

Since the World Cup, the name of Rensenbrink has gradually faded from the sporting Press headlines as his club, Anderlecht, were eliminated from Europe at their first fence and were beaten to the Belgian title by the modest part-timers SK Beveren.

"For a couple of months after the World Cup I was very depressed and had little appetite for the game. Now — I don't know. When I'm on the pitch I still have the same will to win, but after so many years I'm beginning to get a bit jaded, I suppose.

"As soon as I leave the stadium I just want to forget all about football, and I even refuse to have a kick-around with my son at home! I've still got two years to run on my contract with Anderlecht, so I'll be 34 then.

"If I don't go to the United States, I'll certainly retire."

At 32, Rensenbrink can't be considered 'young nippy winger' any more. And his departure from the Holland team will put another nail in the coffin of the great Dutch side that's done so much for football in recent years.

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

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THIRD DIVISION (Continued)

LINCOLN (2) 4 (Watson, Hobson 2, Harford) 2,522

HULL (0) 2 (Roberts, Horswill) 2,522

Lincoln: Grotier; Hughes, Laybourne, Guest, Cross, Cooper, Hobson, Ward, Harford, Watson, Cockerill.

Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, Dobson, Roberts, Hawker, Haigh, McDonald, Horswill, Edwards, Bannister, Farley.

MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Austin, Curtis pen.) 4,173

Mansfield: New; Dawkins, Foster (B), Curtis, Saxby (M), Bird, Goodwin (Miller), Carter, Austin, Saxby (G), Allen.

Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Burns, Stortor, Raynor, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards, Henderson, Walker.

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Binney, Bason) 13,406

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Curtis, Toshack) 13,406

Plymouth: Hodge; McNeil, Hodges, James, Uzzell, Bason, Megson, Harrison, Binney, Truston, Johnson.

Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Phillips, Stevenson, Toshack, Attley (Charles), James, Curtis, Waddle, Callaghan.

ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Young, Gwyther) 2,217

Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Young, Phillips, Gwyther (Flynn), Carr, Smith.

Exeter: Main; Hore, Templeman, Randell, Giles, Mitchell, Neville, Rogers, Sims, Deive, Hatch (Bowker).

SHEFF. WED. (2) 2 (Hornsby, Shirtliff) 13,746

WATFORD (1) 3 (Blissett, Jenkins, Bolton pen.) 13,746

Sheffield: W: Bolder; Shirtliff, Rushbury, Mullen, Pickering, Johnson (Owen), Curran, Porterfield, Wyde, Lowey, Hornsby.

Watford: Sherwood; Stirk, Harrison, Bolton, Sims, Garner, Downes, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Train.

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Biggins) 6,604

BURY (0) 0 13,746

Shrewsbury: Mulhern; King, Larkin, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Birch, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.

Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Tucker, Constantine, Lugg, Tucker, Whitehead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory.

SWINDON (0) 3 (Rowland, Mayes 2) 15,117

Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood (Hamilton), Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Bates, Mayes.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Braker, Overton, Weatherley, Hughes, Nicholl, White, Price, Westwood (Armstrong), Funnell.

WALSALL (0) 0 2,625

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Moss) 2,625

Walsall: Turner; Caswell, Macken (Rees), King, Serella, Sbragia, Birch, Williams, Syrett, Paul, Kelly.

Chesterfield: Tingay; Tatt, Hunter, Burton, O'Neill, Prophett, Kowalski, Moss, Fern, Cammack, Walker.

FOURTH DIVISION 3,675

ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Crosby) 3,675

Aldershot: Johnson; Scott, Howitt, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Shanahan, Dungworth, Tomlin.

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Stronach (Randall), Logie, McDonald, Staniforth.

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2 (Massey, Johnson) 3,063

WIGAN (0) 1 (Purdie) 3,063

Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Holder, Borthwick, MacDougall, Scott (Massey), Brown (K), Johnson.

Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Brownbill, Moore (Davids), Purdie.

CREWE (0) 0 1,121

Crewe: Caswell; Wilkinson, Dulson, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Robertson, Cheetham, White, Coyne, Roberts (Warnock).



Geoff Palmer was in the Wolverhampton Wanderers side that lost 3-2 at Manchester United.

SCUNTHORPE: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Keeley, Grimes, Kilmore, Earl, Kavanagh, Couch.

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Walsh) 1,558

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Hutchins) 1,558

Darlington: Burleigh; Natress, Cochrane, Hedley, Craig, Hague, Lyons (Peacheay), Wann, Ferguson, Seal, Walsh.

Bradford: C: Smith; Podd, Watson, Reaney, Jackson (P), Dolan, Martinez, Johnson, Baines, McNiven, Hutchins.

GRIMSBY (2) 3 (Drinkell, Ford, Cumming) 10,157

DONCASTER (2) 4 (Lewis 3, Laidlaw) 10,157

Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wiggin, Crombie, Brolly, Ford, Drinkell, Lester, Cumming.

Doncaster: Peacock; Lister, Snodin, Laidlaw, Bradley, Cannell, Pugh, Meagen, Lewis, French, Flanagan (Packer).

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Burke) 1,007

NEWPORT (1) 2 (Goddard 2, 1 pen) 1,007

Halifax: Kilner, Dunleavy, Hutt, Smith (Bradley), Burke, Trainer, Firth, Kennedy, Campbell, Stafford, Johnson.

Newport: Plumley; Walden, Thompson, Bruton, Oakes, Cosslett, Bailey, Lowndes, Goddard, Tynan, Moore.

HARTELEPOOL (1) 2 (Robins o.g., Norton) 2,207

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 2,207

Hartlepool: Watson; Goldthorpe, Gorry, Smith (G), Hogan, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Lawrence, Houchen, Norton, Loadwick.

Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock (Holmes), Sutton, Hanvey, Branagan, Fletcher, Brook, Hart, Robins, Gray.

HEREFORD 0 3,809

WIMBLEDON 0 3,809

Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Thomas, Corves, Layton, Holmes (K), Spiring (Stephens), Feeley, Gould, White.

Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Donaldson, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Leslie, Briley, Ketteridge, Cork, Haverson.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 8,761

BARNESLEY (1) 1 (Bell) 8,761

Portsmouth: Mellor; Denyer, Viney, Barnard, Ellis, Davey, Garwood, McIlwraith, Showers, Letham (James), Pullar.

Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Riley, Graham, Millar, Bell.

PORT VALE (0) 0 3,603

READING (1) 3 (Hicks, Earles, Alexander) 3,603

Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Delgado, Hawkins, Chamberlain (N), Farrell, Wright, Todd, Bromage.

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Alexander, Hetzke, Shipy, Sanchez.

ROCHDALE (0) 4 (Oliver, Jones 2, O'Loughlin) 1,751

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Reilly) 1,751

Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Taylor, Oliver, Bannon, Snookes, Hoy, Jones, Hilditch, O'Loughlin, Esser.

Northampton: Poole; Gedimintis, Waldock, Mathews, Saunders, Farrington, Ashenden, Walker, McCaffrey, Frogatt, Reilly.

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Cox) 2,281

STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,281

Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Green, Payne, Dunne, Davies, Murphy, Cox, Lawrence, Clark (Coffill).

Stockport: Lawson; Halford, Rutter, Edwards, Thorpe, Armstrong, Henson, Summerbee, Bradd, Smith (Sumner), Lee.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

DUNDEE UTD (1) 2 (Payne, Stewart) 7,822

ABERDEEN (0) 2 (Jarvie, Strachan pen.) 7,822

Dundee U: McAlpine; Stewart, Stark, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Addison (Kirkwood), Sturrock, Dodds, Holt, Payne.

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Hamilton, McLeish, Garner, Miller, McGhee, Archibald, Strachan, Jarvie, Scanlon.

PARTICK (1) 2 (Melrose, O'Hara) 3,500

HEARTS (0) 0 3,500

Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, Doyle, Houston (Park), Melrose, (McAdam), O'Hara, Somner, Love.

Hearts: Allan; Kidd, Black, More, Liddell, Brown, Gibson, Fraser, Scott (McLeod), Stewart, McQuade.

RANGERS (0) 1 (MacDonald) 52,841

CELTIC (0) 0 52,841

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlante, Smith, Cooper.

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, McLeod, Aitken, Edvaldsson, Conroy, Provan, Davidson (McAdam), McCluskey, Burns (Lynch), Doyle.

MONDAY, MAY 7

FIRST DIVISION

MAN. UTD (2) 3 (Ritchie, Coppell 2) 39,402

WOLVES (1) 2 (Bailey o.g., Richards) 39,402

Man. U: Bailey; Nicholl, Alston, Greenhoff (B) (Grimes), Houston, Buchan, Coppell, Ritchie, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Black, McAlle, Berry, Carr, Daley, Rafferty, Richards, Patching (Brazier).

O.P.R. (1) 1 (Roeder) 9,600

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 (Buckley 2, Dark) 9,600

O.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Roeder, Eley (Wallace), Francis, Walsh, Allen, Goddard.

Birmingham: Freeman; Calderwood, Lynex, Gallagher, Branagan, Fletcher, Ainscow, Buckley, Grey, Givens, Dillon, Ivey, Patching (Brazier).

HEREFORD (0) 0 3,707

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Barnard) 3,707

Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Thomas, Corves, Layton, Holmes (K), Spiring (Stephens), Feeley, McGrellis, Gould, White.

Portsmouth: Mellor; James, Viney, McIlwraith, Ellis, Davey, Barnard, Lathan, Greenwood, Showers, Bryant.

YORK (2) 4 (Staniforth 3, 1 pen, McDonald) 2,344

PORT VALE (0) 0 2,344

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Stronach, Randall (Wellings), McDonald, Staniforth.

Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Beech (Stenson), Sproson, Hawkins, Chamberlain, Farrell, Wright, Todd, Bromage.

SECOND DIVISION

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Stevens, Buchanan) 6,317

BRISTOL R (0) 0 6,317

Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Roberts, Dwyer, Grapes, Evans, Moore, Stevens, Buchanan.

Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Bater, Aitken, Taylor, Prince, Williams, Emmanuel, Petts, Mabbatt (Brown), White.

WREXHAM (1) 2 (Buxton, Williams) 7,842

LUTON (0) 0 7,842

Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski, Dwyer, Jones (F), Jones (J), Giles, Williams, Sutton (Roberts), McNeil, Buxton, Fox.

Luton: Findlay; Stevens, Aizlewood, Donaghy, Philipson-Masters, Price, Hill, West, Taylor, Turner (Stein).

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Allinson, Gough) 6,317

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Armstrong, Westwood) 6,317

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Downman, Wignall, Foley, Rowles, Gough, Packer, Lee, Allinson.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Young, Sharpe, Overton, Weatherley, Hughes, Armstrong, White, Price, Westwood, Funnell.

HULL (0) 1 (Edwards) 4,079

EXETER (0) 0 4,079

Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, McDonald, Hood, Dobson, Haigh, Roberts, Horswill, Edwards, Bannister, Farley (Norrie).

Exeter: Main; Templeman, Hore, Randell, Giles, Mitchell, Neville, Rogers, Sims, Deive, Hatch (Bowker).

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Harford) 1,949

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Hockaday 2) 1,949

Lincoln: Grotier; Hughes, Laybourne, Flem-

ing, Cross, Cooper, Hobson, Ward, Harford, Guest, Cockerill.

Blackpool: Hesford; Malone (Jones), Weston, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Hockaday, Kellow, Spence, Ronson, Chandler.

MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Allen, Curtis pen.)

SHREWSBURY (0) 2 (Biggins, Maguire) 6,413

Mansfield: New; Dawkins, Foster (B), Curtis, Saxby (M), Bird, Allen, Carter, Austin, Miller, Saxby (G), Foster, C.

Shrewsbury: Muilhern; King, Larkin, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Lindsay, Atkins (Birch), Tong, Biggins, Maguire.

SCHEFF. WED. (1) 2 (Mullen, Fleming)

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Carr) 12,094

Sheff. W: Bolder; Shirtliff, Rushbury, Mullen, Pickering, Owen, Curran, Porterfield (Johnson), Fleming, Lowey, Hornsby.

Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Young, Carr, Smith.

FOURTH DIVISION

BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Jackson, P.)

WIGAN (1) 1 (Moore) 3,748

Bradford: Smith; Podd, Watson, Jackson (P), Wood, Szabo, Martinez, Dolan, Baines, McNiven, Hutchins.

Wigan: Brown; Curtis, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell (Davids), Corrigan, Wright, Brownbill, Moore, Purdie.

DARLINGTON (0) 0

HARTELEPOOL (0) 1 (Lawrence) 3,513

Darlington: Burleigh; Natress, Cochrane, Hedley, Craig, Seal (Ferguson), Stone, Wann, Peache, Robert, Walsh.

Hartlepool: Watson; Goldthorpe, Gorry, Smith (G), Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Lawrence, Houchen, Harding, Loadwick.

HALIFAX (2) 2 (Johnson pen., Bradley) 2,150

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Hilditch) 2,150

Halifax: Kilner; Hutt, Dunleavy, Bradley, Burke, Trainer, Firth, Kennedy, Campbell, Johnson, Stafford.

Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Snookes, Oliver (Hilditch), Bannon, Taylor, Hoy, Owen, Jones, O'Loughlin, Esser.

HEREFORD (0) 0

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Barnard) 3,707

Hereford: Hughes; Emery, Thomas, Corves, Layton, Holmes (K), Spiring (Stephens), Feeley, Gould, White.

Portsmouth: Mellor; James, Viney, McIlwraith, Ellis, Davey, Barnard, Lathan, Greenwood, Showers, Bryant.

YORK (2) 4 (Staniforth 3, 1 pen, McDonald) 2,344

PORT VALE (0) 0 2,344

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Stronach, Randall (Wellings), McDonald, Staniforth.

Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Beech (Stenson), Sproson, Hawkins, Chamberlain, Farrell, Wright, Todd, Bromage.

Dave Donaldson played a vital part in Millwall's 1-0 away win against Burnley.



SCOTTISH PREMIER

PARTICK (1) 1 (Somner) 10,000
 CELTIC (1) 2 (Provan, McCluskey) 10,000
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, McAdam, Marr, Melrose, Gibson, O'Hara, Somner, Park (Houston).
 Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, McAdam, McLeod, Provan, Conroy, McCluskey, Davidson, Doyle.

RANGERS (0) 2 (Smith, Cooper) 20,000
 ABERDEEN (0) 0 20,000
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper.

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Hamilton, McLeish, Garner, Miller, McGhee, Archibald, Sullivan, Strachan, Scanlon.

HEARTS (0) 0
 MORTON (1) 1 (Thomson) 2,500
 Hearts: Allan, Kidd, Black, Moore, Liddell, Fraser, O'Sullivan, Brown, Gibson, Stewart, McLeod.
 Morton: Baines, Miller, Holmes, McLaren, Orr, Rooney, Russell, Hutchinson, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

FIRST DIVISION

BOLTON (1) 1 (Worthington)
 TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Falco, Allardyce o.g., Holmes) 17,879
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Burke (Smith), Greaves, Allardyce, Walsh, Nowak, Whatmore, McNab, Worthington, Graham.
 Tottenham: Aleksic; Lee, McAllister (Smith), Miller, Holmes, Perryman, Pratt, Ardiles, Falco, Hoddle, Villa.

LIVERPOOL (2) 3 (Kennedy A, Dalglish, McDermott)

ASTON VILLA (0) 0 50,570
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gibson, Gregory, McNaught, Mortimer, Cowans, Evans, Deehan, Cropley (Linton), Swain.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Brown A)
 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 17,526
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Cunningham, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick (Brown T), Mills.

Southampton: Wells; Holmes, Peach, Williams (S), Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Boyer, Hayes, Hebbard, Baker.

SECOND DIVISION

BURNLEY (0) 0
 MILLWALL (1) 1 (Walker) 5,737
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Hall (Fletcher), Ingham, Kindon, Morley, James.

Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Chambers, Kitchener, Blyth, Towner, Mehmet (Dibble), Tagg, Walker, Chatterton.

NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Shoulder, Pearson)

WREXHAM (0) 0 7,133
 Newcastle: Carr, Nattrass, Mitchell, Martin, Barton, Bird, Shoulder, Pearson, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.

Wrexham: Davies; Cegielski, Dwyer, Jones (J), Roberts, Giles, Lyons, Sutton, McNeil, Buxton, Fox.

SHEFF. UTD (1) 2 (Benjamin 2 pens.)

LEICESTER (1) 2 (Peake, Duffy) 15,178
 Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Tibbott, Kenworthy, McPhail, Speight, Benjamin, Matthews, Guy, Brown, Hamson.

Leicester: Wallington; Goodwin, Carr, O'Neill, May, Williams, Linaker, Peake (Buchanan), Henderson, Duffy, Lee.

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Smith)
 SWINDON (1) 2 (Miller, Mayes) 13,320
 Brentford: Bond; Shrub, Tucker, McNichol, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton, Salman, Smith (Allider), McCulloch, Phillips.

Swindon: Allan; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Lewis (Hamilton), Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Mayes, Bates.

PETERBOROUGH 0
 CHESTERFIELD 0 2,338
 Peterborough: Waugh; Gynn, Collins, Chard, Green, Ross, Sharkey, McEwan, Cooke (Robertson), Guy, Cliss.

Chesterfield: Tingay; Tatt, Burton, Hunter, O'Neill, Prophett, Kowalski, Moss, Fern, Walker, Heppolette.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNESLEY (0) 2 (Saunders, Bell) 21,261
 GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Lester) 1,777
 Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh (Speedie), Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Riley, Graham, Millar, Bell.
 Grimsby: Batch; Moore (D), Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Brophy, Ford, Drinkell (Lidderdale), Lester, Cumming.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Kilmore pen, Earl)
 WIMBLEDON (0) 0 1,777
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Keeley, Grimes, Kilmore, Cough, Kavanagh, Earl.

Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Eames, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Leslie, Briley, Kettleridge, Clark, Haverson (Dziadulewicz).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

FIRST DIVISION

NOTT. FOREST (1) 3 (Birtles, Bowyer, Woodcock)

MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Lloyd o.g.) 21,104
 Nottn. F: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill (Bowyer), Francis, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

Man. C: Corrigan; Reid, Donachie, Henry, Watson, Bell, Channon, Deyna, Salkman, Hartford, Owen.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Taylor, Fazackerley pen.)

FULHAM (1) 1 (Kitchen) 4,684

Blackburn: Butcher; Parkin, Bailey, Garner, Round, Fazackerley, Brosterston, Coughlin, Craig, Taylor, Morris.

Fulham: Digwood; Evans, Strong, Davies, Money, Gale, Lock, Beck, Guthrie, Kitchen (Marinello), Hatter.

THIRD DIVISION

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Hobson)

BURY (3) 4 (Gregory, Johnson, Lugg, Wilson) 1,517

Lincoln: Grotier; Fleming (Creane), Laybourne, Hughes, Smith, Cross, Hbbson, Ward, Harford, Guest, Cockerill.

Bury: Forrest; Ritsos, Constantine, Lugg, Tucker (Madden), Whitehead, Stanton, Wilson, Johnson, Gregory, Mullen.

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Peplow)
 COLCHESTER (1) 5 (Gough 2, Lee 2, Packer) 1,016

Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Postlewhite, Bramhall, Peplow, Craven, Kerr, Evans, Griffiths.

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wright, Dowman, Wignall, Foley, Rowles, Gough, Packer, Lee, Allinson.

FOURTH DIVISION

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Johnson)

HEREFORD (0) 0 1,036

Halifax: Kilner; Hutt, Dunleavy, Bradley, Burke, Trainer (Mountford), Firth, Kennedy, Campbell, Johnson, Stafford.

Hereford: Knight (Holmes); Emery, Thomas, Cornes, Layton, Feeley, Spiring, Hendry, McGehee, Jones, White.

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Hilditch)

TORQUAY (0) 0 2,359

Rochdale: Felgate; Hart, Snookes, Oliver (Creamer), Bannon, Taylor, Hallows, Esser, Jones, O'Loughlin, Hilditch.

Torquay: Turner; Twitchin, Ritchie, Payne, Boulton, Dunne, Davies, Lawrence, Clark (Wilson), Murphy, Coffill.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

SECOND DIVISION

WREXHAM (0) 0

BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Williams) 6,136

Wrexham: Davies; Jones (J), Cegielski, Jones (F), Roberts, Giles, Lyons, Sutton, Dwyer, Buxton, Fox.

Bristol R: Thomas; Palmer, Bater, Aitken, England, Shaw (Mabbatt), Williams, Emmanuel, Petts, White, Brown.

THIRD DIVISION

SHREWSBURY (1) 3 (King, Tong, Maguire)

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Gwyther) 8,450

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Birch, Atkins, Tong, Biggins, Maguire.

Rotherham: McAllister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Phillips, Young, Gwyther, Carr, Smith.

FOURTH DIVISION

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Houchen)

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Sinclair, Farrell) 1,996

Hartlepool: Watson; Goldthorpe, Gorry, Smith (G), Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Lawrence, Houchen, Harding, Loadwick (Hogan).

Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Delgado, Hawkins, Sinclair, Farrell, Wright, Todd, Bromage (Elsby).

FRIDAY, MAY 11

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON VILLA (0) 0

W.B.A. (1) 1 (Trewick) 35,991

Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Gibson, Evans (Linton), McNaught, Mortimer, Shelton, Gregory, Deehan, Cropley, Swain.

W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Cunningham, Wile, Cantello, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick, Mills.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Johnson) 32,244

Middlesbrough: Platt; Cragg, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, McAndrew, Hodson, Proctor, Ashcroft, Jankovic, Armstrong.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.

Q.P.R. (0) 0

IPSWICH (2) 4 (Butcher, Gates 2, Brazil) 9,819

Q.P.R.: Richardson; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Roeder, Shanks, Busby, Francis, Walsh, Allen, Goddard.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Brazil, Gates, Woods.



Alan Sunderland is congratulated by Graham Rix after Alan scored the winning goal in the F.A. Cup Final.

SECOND DIVISION

CARDIFF (0) 0

WEST HAM (0) 0 13,140

Cardiff: Healey; Jones, Sullivan, Campbell, Roberts, Dwyer, Grapes, Evans, Moore, Stevens, Buchanan.

West Ham: Parkes; Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Taylor (T), Holland, Devonshire, Cross, McDowell, Morgan.

C. PALACE (0) 2 (Walsh, Swindelhurst)

BURNLEY (0) 0 51,801

Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindelhurst, Hilaire, Walsh.

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thompson, Rodaway, Hall, Ingham, Kindon, Morley, James.

OLDHAM (0) 4 (Heaton 2, Stainrod, Halton)

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Tagg) 5,943

Oldham: McDonnell; Blair (Halton), Edwards, Keegan, Hicks, Hurst, Hilton, Stainrod, Young, Chapman, Heaton.

Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Gregory, Chambers, Kitchener, Tagg, Towner, Mehmet, Dibble, Walker, Chatterton.

THIRD DIVISION

MANSFIELD (0) 2 (Saxby, M., Austin)

LINCOLN (0) 0 4,386

Mansfield: New; Dawkins, Foster (B), Curtis, Saxby (M), Bird, Allen, Carter, Austin, Saxby (G), Hamilton (Miller).

Lincoln: Grotier; Hughes, Laybourne, Guest, Smith, Cross, Hobson, Ward, Harford, Watson, Cockerill.

PETERBOROUGH (3) 3 (Chard, Cliss, Gynn) HULL (0) 0 1,875

Peterborough: Waugh; Gynn, Byatt, Chard (Carmichael), Smith, Ross, Cliss, McEwan, Sargent, Guy, Robson.

Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, Croft, Hood, Dobson, Haigh, Roberts, Horswill, Edwards, Bannister, McDonald.

SHEFF. WED. (1) 2 (Hornby, Nimmo)

SWINDON (0) 1 (Mayes) 9,057

Sheff W: Bolder; Shirtliff, Grant, Mullen, Pickering, Rushbury, Owen, Porterfield, Fleming, Nimmo, Hornby.

Swindon: Allian; Trollope, Ford, McHale, Carter, Stroud, Miller (Kamarra), Hamilton, Rowland, Hayes, Bates.

SWANSEA (1) 2 (Waddle, Toshack)

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Walker) 25,000

Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Phillips, Stevenson, Charles, Attley (Toshack), James, Curtis, Waddle.

Chesterfield: Tingay; Taratt, Burton, Hunter, O'Neill, Prophett, Kowalski, Moss, Fern, Walker, Heppolette.

FOURTH DIVISION

DARLINGTON (0) 2 (Peachey 2)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0

1,140

Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Crosson, Hedley, Craig, Seal, Stone, Wann, Peachey, Hague, Walsh.

Portsmouth: Mellor; James (Roberts), Viney, McIlwraith, Eiles, Davey, Barnard, Lathan, Garwood, Showers, Bryant.

WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Leslie, Cork)

YORK (1) 1 (Ford) 3,897

Wimbledon: Goddard; Perkins, Eames, Galliers, Bowgett, Cunningham, Leslie, Ketteridge, Downes (Knowles), Cork, Parsons.

York: Brown; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Ford, Stronach, Wellings (Randall), McDonald, Staniford.

Postponed: Crewe v Rochdale.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

PARTICK (0) 1 (O'Hara)

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Harper, Sullivan) 4,000

Partick: Rough; McKinnon (Clark), Whitaker, Marr, McAdam, Doyle, Melrose, Gibson, O'Hara, Somner, Park (Campbell).

Aberdeen: Clark; Hamilton, Considine, Sullivan, Garner, Miller, McGhee (Cooper), Archibald, Harper, Strachan, Scanlon.

ST. MIRREN (0) 0

CELTIC (0) 2 (McCluskey, Lennox) at Ibrox Park 10,000

St. Mirren: Thomson; Young, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Stark, Richardson, Torrance, Abercrombie, Docherty.

Celtic: Latchford; McGrain, Lynch, Aitken, McAdam, McLeod, Provan, Davidson (Lennox), McCluskey, Burns, Doyle.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

F.A. CUP FINAL

ARSENAL (2) 3 (Talbot, Stapleton, Sunderland)

MAN. UTD (0) 2 (McQueen, McIlroy) at Wembley 100,000

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price (Walford), Rix.

Man. U: Bailey; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

RANGERS 0

HIBS 0 at Hampden Park 50,610

Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Dawson, Johnstone, Jackson, MacDonald (Miller), McLean, Russell, Parlane, Smith, Cooper.

Hibs: McArthur; Brazil, Duncan, Bremner, Stewart, McNamara, Hutchinson (Raj), MacLeod, Campbell, Callaghan, Higgins.

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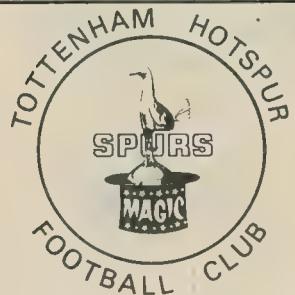
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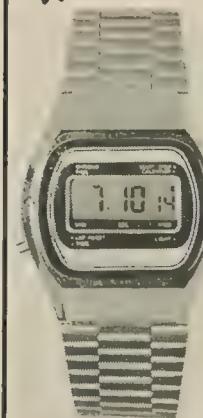
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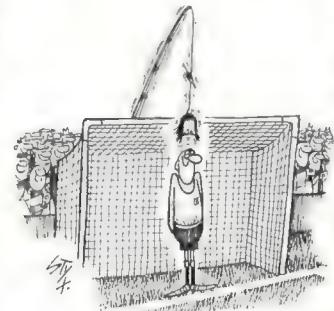
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FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week Manchester City's Mike Channon, his wife Jane and children, Nicola, aged 6, and Michael, aged 4, combine to select the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



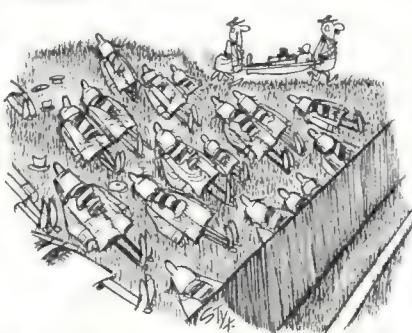
"I therefore pronounce you man and wife, kiss the bride — we've got ten minutes to kick-off, Higgins"



"Your socks remind me of our defence"



"I believe he writes them all himself"



"I told you this would happen if our lot ever scored"



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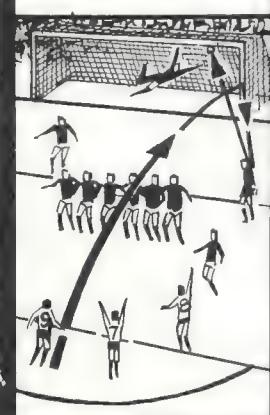
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Can you stop a player from playing in a match with white boots.
(a) yes, or
(b) no?

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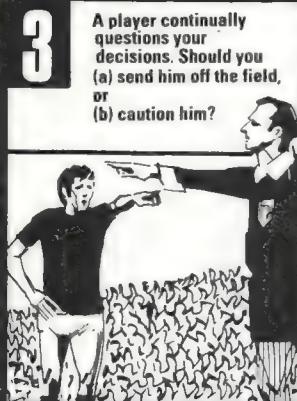


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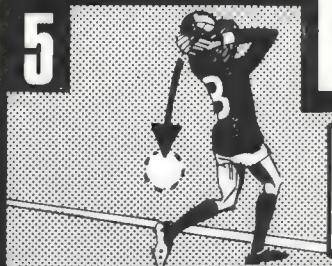
An attacker shoulder-charges the goalkeeper, who is holding the ball, into the net. You award a goal.
(a) right, or (b) wrong?

3



A player continually questions your decisions. Should you
(a) send him off the field, or
(b) caution him?

5



At a throw-in the ball slips from the thrower's hands. He retrieves the ball and throws it again. Should you allow this?

ANSWERS

1. (b) no. 2. (b) (a) goal-kick. 3. (b) Cartoon. Although I would try very hard to reason with the player and point out to him that it's all over him to question my decisions then I must be prepared for the other 21 players to question his as well. 4. (a) Yes. I love to see a real good shoulder-charge. Unfortunately in the Football League there are few questions, but I hope the better players want to win. 5. (a) Yes. I love to see a real good forward T-charge. 5. (a) Yes. Not like the old Welsh forward Trevor Ford.



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Frans nips in between John Robertson (left) and Dave Needham of Forest.



FRANS THÝSSEN

IPSWICH TOWN

FULL NAME: Franciscus Johannes Thysen

BIRTHPLACE: Maloen, Holland

BIRTHDATE: 23 January, 1952

HEIGHT: 5ft 9in

WEIGHT: 10st 8lb

PREVIOUS CLUBS: NEC and F.C. Twente

MARRIED: To Henriette

CHILDREN: Two girls, Brigitte (4) and Kelly (1)

CAR: Toyota Celica ST

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Johan Cruyff of the past and now Kevin Keegan

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all hard

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Winning the Dutch Cup Final for Twente when won 3-0

BIGGEST THRILL: Beating Juventus in Turin in the Semi-Final of the U.E.F.A. Cup

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing in the Final of the U.E.F.A Cup to Borussia Monchengladbach

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Italy

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Holidays in the sun and playing cards

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Flying and arrogant people

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Benny Hill Show and all sports programmes

FAVOURITE SINGERS: The Bee Gees and Eagles

FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Jerry Lewis and Brigitte Bardot

BEST FRIEND: My team-mate Arnold

Muhren

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: The coaching staff at F.C. Twente

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing and being injured

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Seven caps for Holland

PERSONAL AMBITION: To stay happy and healthy

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win honours with Ipswich Town

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT

DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I don't know

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD

YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Singer, Olivia Newton-John

Gordon in action against Nottingham Forest.



'The fan who wants to buy me for Man. City'

KEITH BARTON, from Hazelgrove, Cheshire, writes: "If I had £1 million in the bank I'd buy you and Trevor Brooking for my team, Manchester City."

Well, thanks for the compliment, Keith, especially as you go on to say that you rate us both at £500,000.

At the moment, City could certainly do with an injection of new talent.

Peter Barnes, Asa Hartford and Dave Watson are on the point of leaving, while Gary Owen has been transferred to West Bromwich Albion.

It's tragic that a fine club like Man. City are plagued with so many off-the-field problems.

Something is obviously wrong, if top players like those want to get away.

Let's hope manager Tony Book and Big Mal Allison can sort out the team in time for the start of the new season on August 18th.

I've always had a high regard for the Maine Road outfit and have several mates at the club, including Mike Channon, who still hasn't really felt settled.

Another letter comes from Sean O'Brien, from Dublin, who wants to know if I was shocked at the staggering amount of money Nottingham Forest paid for Trevor Francis.

You're obviously not a regular reader of my column, Sean, otherwise you'd know that I was, and felt that it could have a serious effect on the game.

Now ordinary players are being valued at £350,000 and upwards. It was inevitable that the £1 mil-

my soccer scene
GORDON HILL

lion barrier would eventually be broken, but I never expected inflation to hit soccer so suddenly and dramatically.

The transfer record leapt £500,000 in one go. That's the sum Manchester United paid for Gordon McQueen from Leeds United. Gordon looks a real bargain buy now, doesn't he?

I suppose if a club is prepared to pay £1 million for a player that's their business and it does keep money in the game.

It also means that many of the clubs in the lower Divisions have been priced out of the market. There's no chance of them spending even £100,000 on new talent, unless they sell a player valued at that or over first. A real Catch 22 situation.

In Trevor Francis's case, Birmingham manager Jim Smith at least has the money to clear some of the club's possible debts, with enough left in the kitty to rebuild the team.

And Brian Clough has a player of exciting qualities who has already wiped out a large slice of that £1 million by scoring the winning goal in the European Cup Final against Malmö in Munich.

"As a Londoner, are you depressed at the present state of the capital and the lack of real success enjoyed by anyone other than Arsenal and West Ham over the past few years?" writes Paul Freestone, who used to live in Witham, Essex, but has now moved to Walton, Chesterfield, because of his Dad's business.

Hello, Paul. Regards to your father who, as you say, is a West Ham supporter and a member of the original Chicken Run choir.

Chicken Run? I suppose that's a popular section of the Upton Park terraces.

Anyhow, in answer to your question, yes I am. I hate to see all the game's major honours going North season after season. It's about time London hit back.

Although Crystal Palace are now back in the First Division and look capable of winning something in the future I doubt if they'll land a trophy for a couple of years.

Despite new signing Gerry Francis from Q.P.R., manager Terry Venables has a young and inexperienced team, who will need a couple of seasons to find their feet in the big League.

Palace also lack some firepower up-front, although I understand they are keen on buying Charlton's rebel striker Mike Flanagan.

Charlton value Mike at £750,000, a

ridiculous amount for a player untried in the First Division. I know Mike agrees with that and has always wanted the fee reduced.

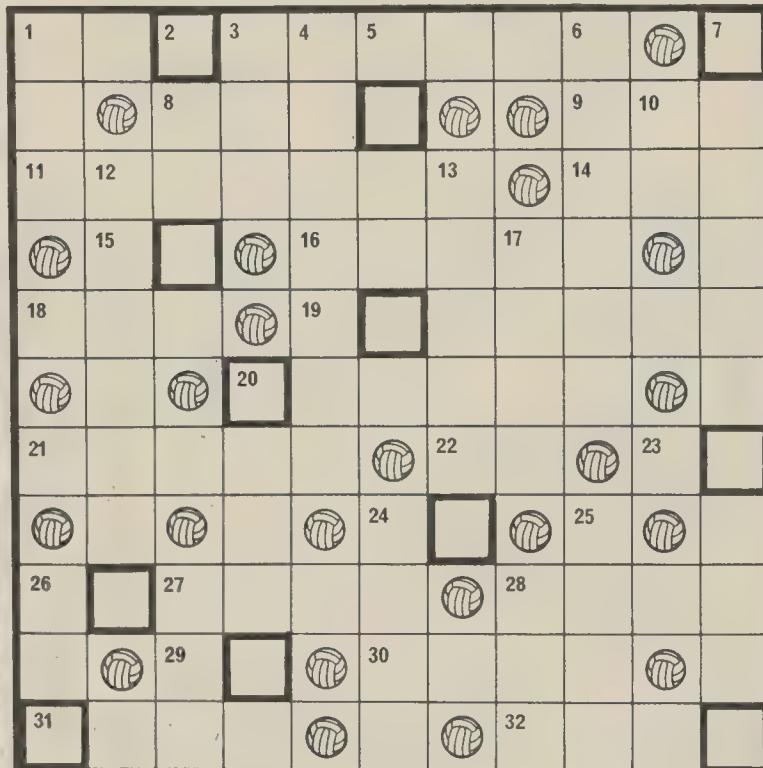
Spurs did quite well last season, but really that was due to the impact made by Argentinians Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa. Without



Steve Heighway ... are his Liverpool days numbered?

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Coventry City striker. Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:

- (1) Southampton striker. (4 & 5)
- (6) -ogh--d Pa-k (Dumbarton).
- (9) Ernie H---. Complete the surname of a Q.P.R. player.
- (11) In short, the Scottish club from Broomfield Park.
- (14) One from Brentford's nickname, perhaps.
- (15) Terry -ayl-r of Spurs.
- (16) -a-- E-d Pa-k (Dunfermline). Hires from the omissions.
- (18) Graham —, Arsenal midfield player.
- (19) The -and---u-d-r- (Southport nickname). Absorb in the missing letters.
- (20) Gain or accomplish.
- (21) At the top of the table, for instance.
- (22) Ivan --lac of Southampton.
- (23) Steve C--roy, Sheffield United 'keeper.
- (24) Les --rry of Charlton Athletic.
- (26) W. J. — (Wolves). Footballer of the Year, 1959/60.
- (28) Rapid.
- (29) --chau; French League club.
- (30) — Hansen, Liverpool defender.
- (31) — Court, ground of The Cherries.
- (32) — Muller, European Footballer of the Year, 1970.

DOWN:

- (1) A seed from the nickname of 7 Down.
- (2) — Stadium, home of Rangers.
- (3) Blun---l Park (Grimsby). The omissions reversed.
- (4) Colin —, Nottingham Forest defender.
- (5) London club with an Eastern air!
- (6) Surname of Ipswich Town's manager.
- (7) European Fair's Cup Winners, 1967/68 & 1970/71. (5 & 6)
- (10) --nt. What completes surname of player for 5 Down?
- (12) A letter ... or 21 Across another way!
- (13) Hire or put under contract.
- (17) Take four letters from Bristol to give three!
- (20) — Gate, ground of Bristol City.
- (24) Boast.
- (25) Meadow —, Notts County weary.
- (26) Forename of Footballer of the Year 1958/9.
- (27) — Hartford, Scotland midfielder.
- (28) Grow or make weary.

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The Merseysiders really are

unique ... a one-off job. When Bill Shankly retired many thought the club would suffer. But under Bob Paisley they've actually made tremendous progress and have become even more successful.

Liverpool's secret? They keep it in the family. If one boss goes they recruit from within their own club, so carrying on the Anfield tradition.

If Cloughie and Peter Taylor leave Forest I can't see any other combination keeping them at the dizzy heights they've reached.

Forest's secret? Cloughie has got every man playing for each other. What some players might lack in skill they make up for with fantastic enthusiasm.

"You are a left-winger," writes Clifford Jones, from Exeter, "so you will be able to assess Steve Heighway's contribution to Liverpool's success. Just how big a part would you say he's played?"

Steve, a player I respect on and off the field, has been a major force in Liverpool's record over the past six or seven years, Clifford.

It's sad to think that he has almost outgrown his usefulness at Anfield. Steve is no longer a first team regular and has been thinking of retiring from the game.

That's a shame, because there are few better wingers than him around today.

I only hope that I can achieve half of what Steve has in his fabulous career.

Well, I'm afraid space has beaten me and I've still a pile of your letters left.

Tell you what ... I'll answer a few more next time. Join me then ...

John Hill

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS 1978/79



Up they go in a graceful pyramid that would not disgrace Covent Garden on ballet night. Pirouetting from the left in Scottish League action is David Narey (Dundee United), Colin Jackson (Rangers), Derek Johnstone (Rangers) and Paul Hegarty (Dundee Utd). Below, Andy Dunlop (St Mirren) and Ian Scanlon (Aberdeen).



PREMIER DIVISION

(Across for home results and down for away)	ABERDEEN	CELTIC	DUNDEE UNITED	HEARTS	HIBERNIAN	MORTON	MOTHERWELL	PARTICK THISTLE	RANGERS	ST MIRREN
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DUNDEE UNITED	1-1 2-2	1-0 2-1	3-1 2-1	0-0 2-1	1-2 4-1	2-1 2-1	2-0 2-1	3-0 1-2	1-1 2-0	
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Jim Clark's tackle for Kilmarnock is too late to block Micky Lawson's pass for St. Mirren.

FIRST DIVISION

	AIRDRIE	ARBROATH	AYR UNITED	CLYDE	CLYDEBANK	DUMBARTON	DUNDEE	HAMILTON	KILMARNOCK	MONTROSE	Q. of SOUTH	RATH ROY.	ST. JOHNSTONE	STIRLING
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BRIGHTER BORO

I would like to express my feelings on behalf of most Middlesbrough fans on what a tremendous job manager John Neal is doing. When he took over from Jack Charlton, he had problems straight away, with Graeme Souness wanting to leave.

Neal sold our best player — then we crashed out of the League Cup to Peterborough. Critics were writing off Boro — and then David Mills was sold, too.

We couldn't understand what Neal was doing, but he's introduced several youngsters. Everything has changed.

Mark Proctor (right) has been drafted into midfield and helped by John Mahoney and David Armstrong, the young schemer settled down quickly.

David Hodgson was brought into the attack alongside Billy Ashcroft and Micky Burns, while left-back Peter Johnson has also done well.

We're scoring more goals, too, and were the fifth team to reach 50 last season, ahead of such teams as Manchester United, Forest and Everton. We've lost our boring tag and I'm sure there are bright days ahead for Boro.

● Boro did improve in the second-half of last season, but they're still some way from being trophy-winning material.

Our Turn Next

WHEN Forest bought Trevor Francis I was stunned. I'd seen him play against my team, Liverpool and . . . well, he didn't do much. I take it all back. Having seen Trevor's performance against Malmö he proved his value. Well done, Forest, but beware. You'll be playing Liverpool, hopefully, in the Final in 1980. It's our turn again next time.

LYNNE MULLINS, ECCLESALL.

● I just hope it's a better Final than this time!

Sunderland Fans ARE Geordies

RE THE discussion in Goal-Lines of Sunderland fans being incorrectly called Geordies . . . I strongly object to this. Recently, it was shown that only one fan in seven who watch Sunderland are from the town itself. The majority are from outlying districts such as Gateshead, Blyth, Consett and Ashington.

As these areas are, in fact, nearer to Newcastle than Sunderland it

would appear that the majority of Sunderland supporters are just as much Geordies as those of Newcastle.

Myself, I'm proud to be a Geordie AND a Sunderland follower. D. VEITCH, CONSETT.

● Let's hope all Geordies, whoever they support, will have plenty to cheer about next season.

Hot-Shot Kenny

HERE have been a lot of comments on soccer violence, but Stuart Hall's comment on the radio beat the lot . . . "the best thing about this match was the shooting of Kenny Dalglish."

MOIRA MACDONALD, EDINBURGH.

● It's just about the only way to stop Kenny!



Move British Championship

A few years ago the British Championship gained a great shot in the arm by being concentrated into one week during May. Suddenly there were no more moans about the release of players and there was little to distract one's interest.

Last season, interest dropped. With football becoming more demanding and European involvement more widespread, the time has come to move the British Championship to the beginning of the season.

I. RYDER, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

● It would be wrong to play international soccer until the players are 100 per cent match fit, which they wouldn't be. Anyway, there are invariably important international games AFTER the domestic games — like this season — and the British Championship is the ideal way for our managers to prepare their teams for such clashes.

STEIN UNCOVERS

APART from the fairly easy 4-0 European Championship victory over Norway in Oslo, Scotland's recent international results have been disappointing.

Jock Stein's side clinched a 1-0 Home Championship win over struggling Northern Ireland at Hampden, but they were also walloped 3-0 by Wales and 3-1 by England as well as 3-1 by World Champions Argentina in a friendly at Hampden.

Amid this rubble a few precious gems have been unearthed by Stein in his bid to find a winning formula and a settled rhythm in time for the World Cup Finals in Spain in 1982.

John Wark, Ian Wallace, George Wood, Paul Hegarty, George Burley, Alan Hansen, Frank McGarvey and Ian Munro all broke new ground in the international arena. Little Ian Wallace, the Coventry sharpshooter, had already played as a substitute in matches against Bulgaria — where he scored the winner — and Portugal, but when he kicked-off against Wales it was the first time he had actually started a game in the full international team.

So, Stein has switched and chopped his side around to get the measure of some of his players at the highest level. He may have been a trifle disappointed by some of the debutants, but he certainly learned a lot in those five intriguing games where his side won two and lost three, scoring seven goals and conceding nine.

One player to emerge as one of the best 'finds' is St Mirren's highly skilled Ian Munro, who came in at left-back for the disappointing Frankie Gray for the games against Argentina and Norway.

The level-headed and realistic Munro, one of the most articulate players North of the Border, is keeping his feet firmly on the ground. He says: "I played fairly well against Argentina for the first 30 minutes and then I dropped out of things a little bit. Possibly I burned up too much nervous energy before the match."

Critics who watched the game were slightly baffled by Munro's self analysis. Just about every Scottish newspaper rated the former Hibs and Rangers player as Scotland's Man of the Match.

"Yes, it was nice to see that," says Munro, "but I won't be letting the praise go to my head. After that match people were telling me I was a certainty to play against Norway the following Thursday."

"Everyone seemed confident... except me. I take nothing for granted in football. But I must admit I enjoyed breaking into the full side. I've been capped at just about every other level for Scotland, like schools and youths etc, but I thought my big chance had passed me by. It's been a long time coming, but it has been well worth the wait."

Munro, 27, has years of soccer in front of him and he could solve a problem position for the Scots. In the past players such as Martin Buchan, Willie Donachie, Danny



McGrain and Frankie Gray have worn the number three shirt, but it looks as though Munro could be the man to provide the answer.

Another home Scot who earned great praise from Stein and his fellow team-mates was Dundee United's Paul Hegarty. He had a nightmare match against Wales where his double-act with Liverpool's Alan Hansen never quite worked out and John Toshack ran amok scoring a well-taken hat-trick.

Stein gave Hegarty another run against Northern Ireland and this time his play was more steady. The Tannadice star kept the position for the match against England and certainly could not have been blamed for the overwhelming defeat. It was his more experienced colleagues who let down

Scotland's new goalkeeper George Wood (above) directing operations, will be battling with Alan Rough for Jock Stein's selection vote in future matches.

Paul Hegarty (right), Dundee United's highly promising defender who has burst on to the international scene. Here he resists a forceful challenge from England's Kevin Keegan.



SCOTTISH 'GEMS'



Scotland that day.

George Burley, of Ipswich, also showed progress as the games passed by, but the great things expected of his Portman Road team-mate John Wark didn't materialise for some reason or another. He rarely used his booming right foot shot for which he is noted. Still, he has time on his side.

Everton keeper George Wood made a costly mistake against England and then conceded two goals to Argentina as a second-half substitute, but there is an interesting battle now between the Goodison Park goalkeeper and Partick Thistle's Alan Rough, who is the man in possession after a faultless display against Norway.

Alan Hansen looked jaded in the matches he took part in, but there is little doubt that the smooth Liverpool defender has his role to play in future games. His new team-mate Frank McGarvey, Liverpool's recent £300,000 buy from St Mirren, looked fairly sharp in his debut against Argentina.

These, then, are some of the new boys Jock Stein is pinning his faith in as he strives for the formula to bring his ailing nation back to life. Those five games certainly gave him some of the answers for which he was looking.

The results may not be all the Scots fans were demanding, but Stein must be given time. He'll do things at his own pace . . .

John Wark (above) swings his lethal right foot, a strength that was not always in evidence in the British Championship. George Burley (right) is progressing well for Scotland.



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Colour action from England's recent matches in Sweden and Austria; team group of French Champions Strasbourg; Colin Todd (Everton); Trevor Cherry (Leeds); Focus on Micky Burns (Middlesbrough).

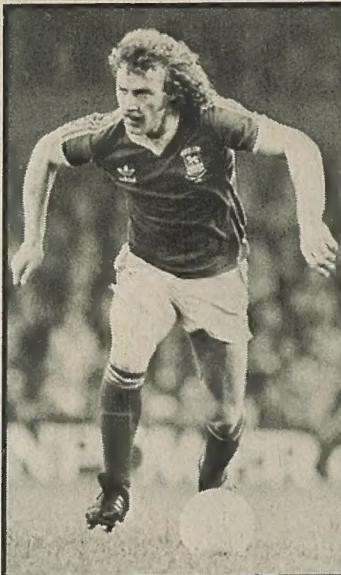
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TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time



1. A Dutch international preferred to join New York Cosmos than Arsenal. Who is he?
2. Blackburn's John Bailey signed for which First Division club last month?
3. Which midfield player has signed a new four-year contract with Everton?
4. Why did Ipswich defender Kevin Beattie (right) go into hospital last month?
5. Which former England full-back is Bristol Rovers' new Player-Coach?
6. Which Derby County player applied for the Manager's job at the Baseball Ground?
7. A 31 year-old former Scotland winger recently signed a new contract at Leeds United. Who is he?
8. Scotland beat Norway 4-0 in the European Championship last month. Who scored the goals?
9. Does the 1979-80 Football League season start on August 11th, 18th or 25th?



10. Is Brian Clough's favourite pastime darts, snooker or squash?
11. The Charity Shield match on August 11th is between Liverpool and Manchester United. True or false?
12. Scottish F.A. secretary Ernie Walker said: "There must be grave doubts about the future of this fixture." Which game was he referring to?



Brian Clough

ENGLAND'S EUROPEAN TOUR

13. Did England draw 1-1 or 0-0 with Sweden on June 10th?
14. The England-Sweden game was held to celebrate 50, 75 or 100 years of Swedish football?
15. How many goals did Kevin Keegan score in the 3-0 victory over Bulgaria?
16. England were beaten 4-3 in Austria. What was the half-time score?

ANSWERS

1. Johan Neeskens. 2. Everton 3-1 to Australia. 3. Andy King. 4. Catallage opened 5. Terry Cooper. 6. Bruce Rioch. 7. Eddie Gray. 8. John, his third. 9. Eddie Gray. 10. McGuire. 11. Ferguson. 12. England v Scotland at Wembley. 13. 0-0. 14. 75 years. 15. One

16. 3-1 to Austria. 17. Arsenal play Cup-winners League. 18. First. 19. Engross. 20. Attain. 21. Alan. 22. Go. 23. On. 24. Be. 25. Slater. 26. Fast. 27. So. 28. Gerd. 29. Dean. 30. Alan. 31. Gerd. 32. Alan.

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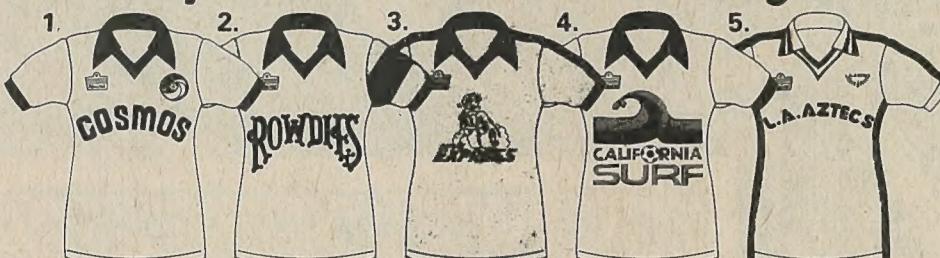
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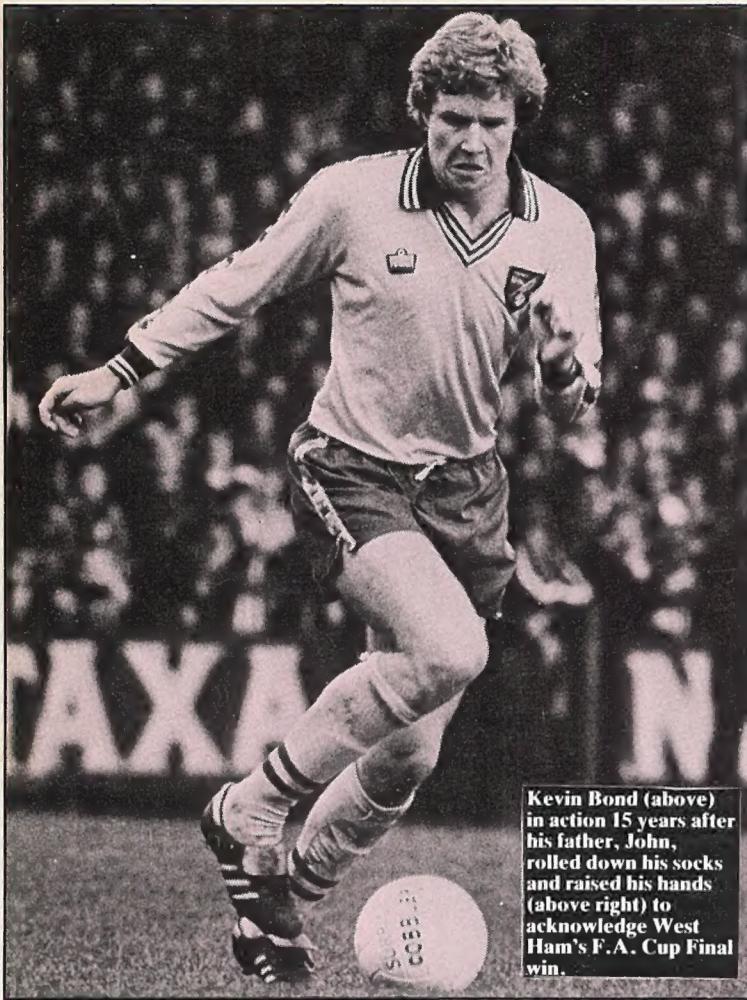
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Kevin Bond (above) in action 15 years after his father, John, rolled down his socks and raised his hands (above right) to acknowledge West Ham's F.A. Cup Final win.



even took his son to Norwich just six months after becoming The Canaries manager in December, 1973.

He has not been oblivious to the difficulties he has set his son, and says: "I doubt whether I could have withstood the criticism Kevin has endured.

"There have been unpleasant things said to him in pubs, and the crowd moaned and groaned when he came into the first team. Yet Kevin, 22 last week, never let any of it get the better of him."

Bond junior, a rapidly developing full-back, admits: "I did take a lot of stick at first. I knew people were saying I was only in the team because of who I was."

Both father and son stress the

importance of showing no favouritism. When Kevin arrived a few minutes late for the team bus towards the end of last season he was promptly fined.

The Bonds, then, seem to have triumphed against the odds. They took a gamble that Tommy Docherty was not prepared to take.

The Doc, now back in charge of Queens Park Rangers, would not keep his son on the Stamford Bridge staff when he managed Chelsea.

Docherty junior, a Chelsea apprentice, went to Burnley, where his father believed he could take advantage of the youth scheme fostered by manager Harry Potts.

It might have seemed a heartless decision, but Mike, now with Sunderland after a spell with Manchester City, acknowledges it was the right one.

He insists: "I did not want to be known as Tommy Docherty's son, but as a player in my own right. Going to Burnley helped that."

His father agrees, adding: "It can produce difficulties being father and son at the same club."

"Sometimes you are exceptionally hard on your boy in order to prove to others that you are not showing favour."

Docherty, the India-rubber man of soccer, now has the opportunity to shape the career of another son of a famous father, Clive Allen.

He was born in May 1961, the same month his father, Les, the former QPR and Swindon manager, helped Spurs to the Double.

FINE CHIPS OFF FAMOUS BLOCKS

FOLLOWING in the footsteps of a famous father is an unenviable task in the ultra-competitive football world.

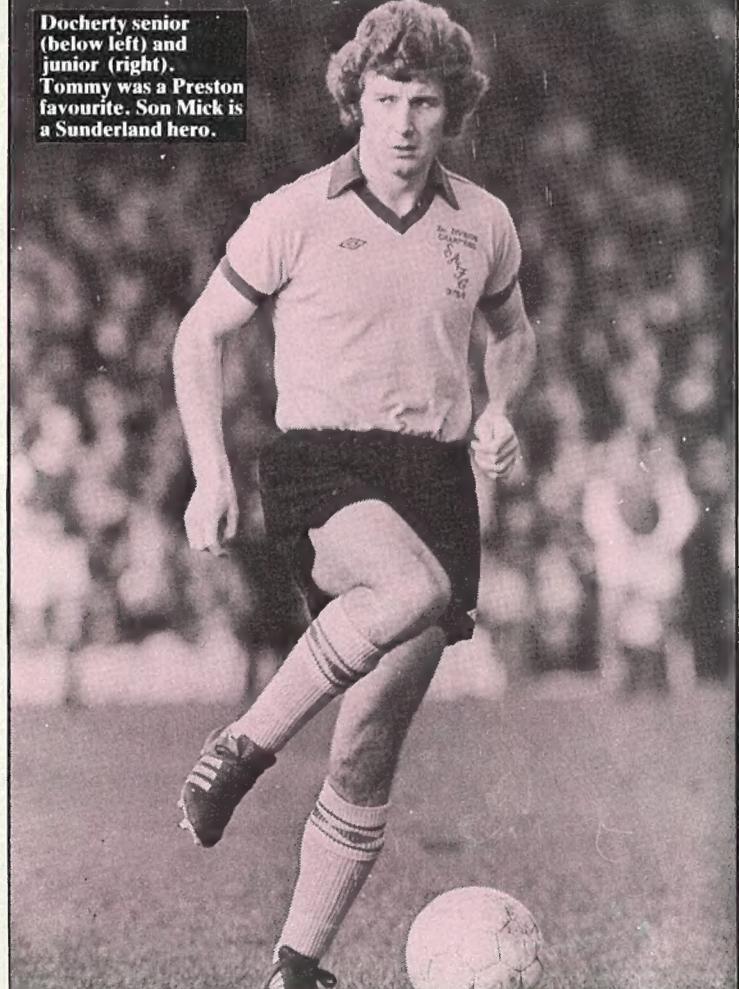
Jealousy can be a motive for some cruel comparisons, and there are always the cynics ready to accuse sons of living off their fathers' reputation.

Kevin Bond, Mike Docherty, and Clive Allen have one thing in common. They have survived the snipers, to make their individual marks in the Football League.

Bond's First Division career has flourished under father John at Norwich despite the critics.

Many people in the game advised Bond senior against giving his son, then 15, an apprenticeship when he was in charge at Bournemouth. They argued that it would give his detractors the perfect ammunition to fire at him.

Yet John ignored the pleas and



Docherty senior (below left) and junior (right). Tommy was a Preston favourite. Son Mick is a Sunderland hero.



BERTI BOWS OUT

TOP OF PAGE . . . The Borussia Select side that played in Vogts's testimonial. Back row: Ringels, Wohlers, Keegan, Schäffer, Jensen, Kulik. Front row: Köppel, Kleff, Vogts, Simonsen and Lienen.

LEFT . . . Berti before his comeback game against MSV Duisburg in the U.E.F.A. Cup Semi-Finals on April 26th.

BELOW . . . Wearing a Red Star shirt he exchanged, Berti with the U.E.F.A. Cup which BMG clinched by beating the Yugoslavs 1-0 in Germany after drawing 1-1 in Belgrade.



WEST Germany's Berti Vogts, one of the outstanding European players of the 70's, has retired. The Borussia Mönchengladbach captain, fittingly, led his club to a U.E.F.A. Cup Final victory over Red Star of Belgrade. Vogts (32) broke a leg in two places at the beginning of the season, yet wanted to prove himself again before quitting and fought back bravely to go out of soccer in style. Vogts made his Bundesliga debut in August, 1965, winning his first cap — he went on to win 96 in all — in 1967. Berti helped Germany to win the World Cup in 1974 and be runners-up in the 1976 European Championship. He was part of the great Borussia side that, with Bayern Munich, dominated German soccer in the 70's. He won Bundesliga medals in 1970, 1971, 1976 and 1977; German Cup winners' medal in 1973 and two U.E.F.A. Cup winners' medals, in 1975 and 1979. Vogts is one of the best close-markers we've seen in recent years and has also excelled as sweeper. Apart from possibly Kevin Keegan in the 1977 European Cup Final, it is hard to recall Vogts being given the run-around. His performance against Johan Cruyff in the 1974 World Cup Final was a feature of the match; few players have allowed the Holland star less room in a game. Now, he has decided to quit at the top and will take up a coaching career next season, probably with the German youth team. Berti Vogts has been not only a marvellous player, but a good sportsman and a fine ambassador for his country. European soccer — so short on truly great players at the moment — is losing one of the personalities of the past decade.